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THE BIAS BAY EXPEDITION

BRITISH NAVAL LANDING.

DESTRUCTION OF PIRATE HAUNTS.

HOUSES BLOWN UP AND BOATS SUNK.

AN OFFICIAL WARNING.

In consequence of the repeated piracies by the gang of outlaws having their headquarters in the Bias Bay region, a British naval punitive expedition was carried out in the early hours of yesterday morning on a group of villages situated in the Fan Lo Kong Inlet.

The expedition was under the command of Rear Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, and the ships taking part were the Froisher, the Hermes, the Delhi, the Marazion and the Foxglove. Some 800 marines and naval ratings were landed, under charge of Flag Captain Calvert. As a result of the operations, about 180 dwelling houses and some 40 junks and sampans were destroyed. There were no casualties on either side.

Before the expedition returned to Hongkong, notices were distributed amongst the Chinese villagers explaining that the punishment was inflicted on account of repeated piracies, and that if any further piracies are committed, the punishment will be repeated.

It was in consequence of the piracy of the s.s. Hopsang on Monday night that the naval operation was undertaken. It was carried out under the Command of Rear-Admiral Boyle, and the following ships took part:—H.M.S. Froisher, H.M.S. Hermes, H.M.S. Delhi, H.M.S. Marazion and H.M.S. Foxglove.

The expedition started at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday from Hong Kong harbour and arrived and anchored in Bias Bay at about 1.30 a.m. yesterday. The cruisers anchored a little to the south of Tsang Chau Island, the spot at which pirates usually anchor before proceeding into the shallower waters of Fan Lo Kong Inlet.

Naval forces entirely were employed with the exception of a detachment of police officers, interpreters and detectives under the charge of the Captain Superintendent of Police (the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), Mr. T. H. King (Head of the Criminal Investigation Department), and Capt. H. F. Bloxham (A.S.P.). Four European detectives were also included in the party. It should be recalled that Capt. Bloxham was one of the officers who accompanied the previous expedition in January, 1925.

300 Men Land.

The landing force was divided into three parties—one destined to proceed to the village of Kwai Chau, at the head of the Fan Lo Kong Inlet and the other two parties for the group of three villages known as Hoi Chau. The embarkation of marines and naval ratings to the number of about 300, as well as police, by cutters and other boats, began at 2.30 a.m. When all was ready, the boats were towed in by the Marazion for a distance of about ten miles to the head of the bay. In all, about 17 boats were employed on this operation, which required considerable seamanship and on which the Admiral later complimented those taking part.

Waist High in Mud.

The boats then proceeded under oars or in tow of motor boats to the shore. Owing to the shallow water, the landing parties had to wade over distances which varied from 400 to 40 yards, the men often being waist high in mud and water. The Kwai Chau party, having rather deeper water, were ashore first at 6.15 a.m.

The object of the expedition was two-fold. In the first place, it was desired to destroy two villages which were known to be pirate haunts, and to destroy them without injury to life if possible. In the second place, it was desired to destroy junks and other craft found in the neighbourhood of these pirate haunts. The landing parties were under the command of Flag-Captain Calvert, R.N., of H.M.S. Froisher.



Rear Admiral Boyle, who was in command of the expedition.

and reasons of the expedition, through interpreters. All houses in the village were then destroyed either by fire or by explosives. From fifteen to twenty junks and sampans on the north-east of the village were also destroyed. The number of houses destroyed amounted to about twenty of stone construction and a similar number of thatched.

Another Landing Party.

The landing party for Hoi Chau was divided into two sections, the first was intended to deal with the two hamlets near the beach, while the second was to proceed to the larger portion of the village which lay behind an adjoining hill. The force found all the houses deserted. The inhabitants had seen the boats approaching and had run away in the direction of the adjacent villages and townships of which there was a number within a radius of one to three miles.

Their hasty departure was indicated by the fact that in many cases the morning meal had been left, either in the course of preparation or half-consumed.

Details then proceeded to collect combustible materials which were piled in and around the houses and then set on fire. The more por-

manent structures were blown up. In the two hamlets already referred to, about thirty houses were destroyed by fire and seven or eight more by explosives.

In the bigger village behind the hill fifty or sixty houses were destroyed by one or other methods, and it is noteworthy that in some cases explosions, obviously of ammunition, were heard coming from the burning structures.

Chinese Questioned.

Here was found the only native who had remained to await the arrival of the force. He came from his hiding place when the adjacent house was blown up. In answer to questions, he said that four or five pirates had abandoned the village when he said he knew nothing of the whereabouts of the five Chinese who had been kidnapped from the s.s. Soong Bee in January 1927, but suggested that the elders of the adjacent village (Cheung Tai) might be able to produce them if they (the elders) were arrested by the force and held for examination.

Instructions to the force had been to confine themselves to the two villages mentioned, and time not permitting, the village's suggestion was not carried out, although the hope of the force had been to rescue these captives if possible.

Punishment Explained.

The villager was released, and commissioned to hand to his fellow villagers a number of copies of the Chinese notice explaining the reasons for the actions taken. This notice read as follows:

"This punishment is inflicted on this village on account of repeated piracies of British ships by inhabitants of this region. If any further piracies are committed by the inhabitants of this region, the punishment will be repeated."

These notices had been specially prepared and numbers of them were posted in and around the various villages destroyed. Copies were also given to the villagers who returned just as the force was leaving.

Particular instructions had been given and particular care was taken that no damage whatever should be done to buildings of a religious character. This landing party also destroyed about twenty fishing junks and smaller craft that were found near the beach.

Humorous Aspects.

The expedition did not lack its humorous side. At Kwai Chau one detonation frightened a number of fowls. They took to the air like a covey of partridges and landed in the sea. Thanks to the shallow water, all reached the shore in safety. At Hoi Chau, a worthy Naval officer was seen sedately carrying a hen coop and chickens from beside their burning home to the safe precincts of the village temple. In the second hamlet, great commotion was caused by the squealing of a pig. A party rushed to the rescue, but only to be met by a stalwart marine fondly embracing a half grown pig which he was carrying to safety.

Another Naval officer was observed carrying a large covered snapper. When questioned as to whether he was looking, he explained that he was merely going to feed his crew. It appeared that the officer in question had captured a sampan manned by three Chinese. In a house he had discovered a large pot of cooked rice and vegetables with which the Chinese "hands."

While these landing operations were in progress a Naval party had been detailed to round up and destroy other junks in Fan Lo Kong Inlet. Sampans were first requisitioned by this party and the occupants of the junks and other craft were disembarked. The junks, to the number of about seven, were then burned or blown up. On one junk, five rifles were found and taken away.

Aeroplanes Take Part.

During the course of the operations, aeroplanes from the Hermes were overhead observing and reporting.

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FOOCHOW CONDITIONS QUIET.

SPLIT IN LABOUR UNION CIRCLES.

CHRISTIANS & POLITICS.

The Telegraph's Foochow correspondent, writing under date of the 19th instant, says:

At present, everything is quiet here, the chief feature being the clearly recognised split between the Communist Labour and Students' Unions and the "true" or Moderate Unions. The walls of buildings are well plastered with war-cries from both sections.

At a special meeting of the North Fokien Christian Council, a movement has been set on foot to extend the study by Church members of the Bible and of Christian doctrines, as the wisest and best way of reacting to the anti-Christian movement. If this represents, as I believe it does, the opinion of the majority of the Christian leaders in North Fokien, there need be no anxiety lest the Church suffer injury at the present time. Most Christians know quite well how little is to be gained by political methods.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MALAYA.

London, March 23. Sir Hugh Clifford, has been appointed Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of Malaya, in succession to Sir Laurence Guillemard.

Sir Horace James Stanley has been appointed Governor of Ceylon, in succession to Sir Hugh Clifford.

A Varied Experience.

The New Governor of the Straits Settlements, who has been Governor of Ceylon since 1925, has had a wide and varied experience in the Colonial Service since he joined the Malay States Civil Service over 43 years ago.

He was educated for the army and passed through Sandhurst, but eventually chose the Civil Service. He held many posts in Malaya during the 20 years he spent there until 1903, in 1900 resigning the Governorship of North Borneo because he disapproved of the Chartered Company's methods. He was appointed Colonial Secretary at Trinidad in 1903 and was Colonial Secretary of Ceylon from 1907 to 1912, during which years he often administered the Government. He was Governor of the "Gold Coast" for the seven years, 1912-19, and was Governor of Nigeria from 1919 until 1925, following which he was appointed Governor of Ceylon. He has written many books, is a keen sportsman and is recognised as a brilliant administrator. He was knighted in 1909 and has since been created a G.C.M.G. and a G.B.E.

Sir Herbert Stanley.

The new Governor of Ceylon, who has been Governor of Northern Rhodesia since 1924, has had a long career in the diplomatic service, mainly in the capacity of Private Secretary of various Governors-General. From 1916-18 he was Resident Commissioner of Southern and Northern Nigeria, and from then until his appointment as Governor he was Imperial Secretary in South Africa.

HOPSANG ARMS HAUL.

TEN MEN HELD IN CUSTODY.

A list has now been completed of the arms smuggled in the stockhold of the Hopsang, and overlooked by pirates when they seized the steamer on its way down from Amoy. This shows the extent of the seizure to comprise of:

20 Lewis guns.
6 revolvers.
1 pistol.
18,300 rounds of rifle ammunition.
250 rounds of revolver ammunition.
100 rounds of automatic ammunition.
25 drums of Lewis gun ammunition.
3 tripods for Lewis guns.

It is learned that ten members of the engine room staff, in whose department the arms were discovered, are being held in custody for investigation.

ROPE COMPANY.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The leasing of the new Rope Factory at Matakok to the Military authorities, at a figure which will just about cover bank interest on the cost of the property, was announced by the Chairman at the annual meeting, held this morning, of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited.

Mr. R. G. Shewan occupied the chair and there were also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. Allan Cameron (members of the consulting committee), Mr. J. C. Oulhart (secretary), Messrs. A. L. Shields, A. Keith, W. Gardner, F. J. Tavares, J. Toppin, M. A. Figueiredo, A. A. Botelho, and C. M. Osmund.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said: With your permission, as the report and accounts have been in your hands for the necessary period, we will take them as read.

The working account for the year shows a profit of \$63,616.25 as against \$50,478.50 for the previous year, not a great improvement, but it is encouraging in face of the depression in shipping and general stagnation of trade throughout the past twelve months.

The turnover for the year, as compared with 1925, is slightly larger but almost the lowest we have ever had, and we cannot expect to do much better till a general revival in trade sets in.

After providing for interest, \$38,873.37, depreciation \$22,909.65 and other charges the net profit is reduced to \$1,127.50, as against \$24,775.99 last year and this is chiefly accounted for by an increase of \$16,312.23 in interest and the falling off in rents collected of \$14,456.95.

The reduction in revenue from house property is, of course, the result of the exodus of Chinese from the Colony. As I told you last year there were only 30 flats occupied at the end of 1925 and this figure slowly fell to 25 in April when a fresh demand set in and gradually increased so that to-day we have 81 flats let bringing up our income for last month (February) to \$1,974—against \$1,020 for the corresponding month of last year—and 31 flats still to let.

These figures owing to the low rents obtainable are of course a very poor return on the value of the property but they show a distinct improvement in the situation which we can but hope will continue and increase.

The New Factory.

The construction of the new factory at Kowloon is now completed but as there is no pressing necessity to go to the expense of transferring the plant and machinery at Kennedy Town to the new site, we have leased the buildings and land at Ma-tau-kok to the Military authorities at a figure which will just about cover bank interest on the cost of the property. There is, of course, no question of making a profit but it will help us to meet expenses until conditions of trade improve and better times arrive.

On the whole although the past year has not been a good one for the Company—owing to circumstances beyond our control—the political troubles in China, etc., I think as regards the future I may say that there are now some signs of improvement but further than that I do not care to go under the present circumstances.

I cannot sit down without recording our deep regret at the loss from our Board of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak who always took a warm interest in the business of this Company and whose advice was of great assistance to us.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$213,575.03 be carried forward to next year's account.

When that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. H. P. White seconded the

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END OF SHANGHAI STRIKE.

OFFICIAL CONTACT NOW ESTABLISHED.

NATIONALISTS TAKE NANKING AND CHINKIANG.

U.S. MARINES WOUNDED.

There is more re-assuring news from Shanghai to-day, it being stated in a brief message that the general strike has been called off, and that official contact has now been made with the Commander of the Nationalist forces who has promised to protect foreign life and property and to suppress disorder.

Armed mobs have, however, come perilously near causing another incident, British troops (including the Coldstream Guards) again showing great patience in face of provocation. A London message states that some U. S. Marines were wounded during the disorders of Tuesday.

The Southern forces have captured Nanking and Chinkiang, and at the latter place an arrangement has been come to with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce regarding the integrity of the British Concession.

There has been much stirring up of Chinese troops by the deliberate spread of falsehoods at Hankow, and soldiers, armed with loaded rifles, have been holding up and threatening British residents. This proceeding has now been stopped.

Shanghai, Mar. 24, 10.25 a.m. The General Strike has been called off to-day.—*Reuter.*

A Chinese telegram received here this afternoon says that General Pai Ching-shi, the Nationalist Commander, has given orders to all Labour Unions that the strike must be called off, and the Shanghai General Labour Union, on receipt of this notification, has ordered a general resumption of work.

General Pai Ching-shi has also ordered employees of the Water Works and Electric undertaking and other essential services that they must not strike in future. The new Kuomintang Municipal Council in Shanghai held its first meeting yesterday and the new City Government will shortly be established.

Shooting and disorders continue in some areas outside the cordon, but order is being maintained within the Settlement although little work is being done.

Several hundred disarmed Northerners, who were interned in the Settlement, were escorted by troops to the waterside and sent to their home districts.—*British Wireless.*

CAPTURE OF NANKING.

Success of the Southerners.

Shanghai, Mar. 24, 10.25 a.m. A naval wireless message states that the Southerners have taken Nanking and Chinkiang.—*Reuter.*

FOREIGNERS THREATENED.

Hankow Tension Eases.

Hankow, Mar. 23. By deliberate spreading of falsehoods, the Chinese troops stationed here have been worked into a dangerous truculent mood. They have been stopping and threatening British residents with loaded revolvers and fixed bayonets. It is only after 24 hours' exposure that the Chinese authorities have been able to put a stop to it.—*Naval Wireless.*

Customs Strike Over.

Kinkiang, March 23. The customs strike has terminated and the launch is now ready for duty. A large number of Chinese troops have proceeded down river.—*Naval Wireless.*

Wuhu Position.

Wuhu, March 23. There is no change in the situation. The work of recovery of bodies from the sunken launch continues.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is expected here shortly.—*Naval Wireless.*

TENSE ATMOSPHERE.

Fate of Nanking in Balance.

Nanking, Mar. 23. Gunfire is still audible this morning to the southward of the city. The Civil Governor has been evacuated and the Chinese population is evacuating in large numbers. The remaining foreign women and children, excepting those who are natives of Nanking, have been concentrated in a building on the Bund where adequate protection can be afforded.

A tense atmosphere exists. The retreat of Northern troops from Nanking to Pukow has already commenced.—*Naval Wireless.*

U. S. MARINES WOUNDED.

Frustrating Mob Attempts.

London, March 23. Shanghai telegrams state that the Commander of the Nationalist forces to-day assured the Consular authorities of the Settlement that he intended to restore and maintain order in the city.

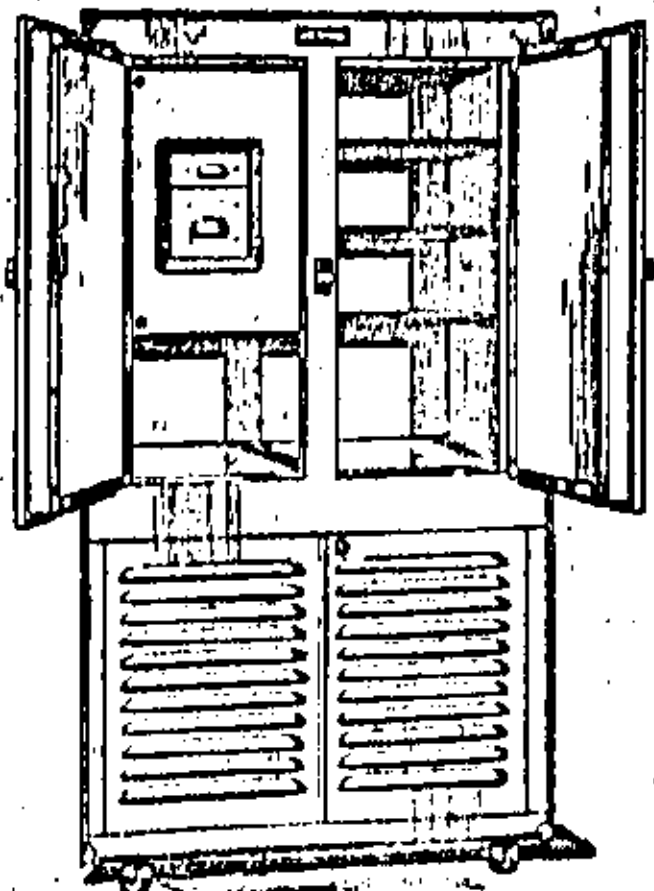
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INDIANS CAUGHT.

SHANGHAI SEDITION CHARGE.

A serious charge has been preferred against three Indians who were arrested in Shanghai by the Municipal authorities. The charge is one of sedition.

One of the accused men is a Sikh named Asa Singh, who was in the employ of the Municipal Council as a policeman. The other two are alleged to be Mohammedans whose names are stated to be Amar Singh and Dalip Singh.

The Arrested.

The men were arrested at the No. 1 Yangtzepoo Road camp by the military authorities and handed over to the Municipal Police after they had attempted to enter the camp for the supposed purpose of distributing seditious literature among the Indian troops stationed at that camp.

When arrested the men had certain papers in their possession containing seditious matter. Although the men protest their innocence of any attempt to introduce such literature to the Indian troops, the authorities believe that such was the object of their visit and the arrested men will stand their trial on a charge of sedition.

Last Thursday morning they appeared in the British Police Court before Magistrate G. W. King and were charged with having in their possession, with intent to distribute, a written newspaper containing seditious matter contrary to the China Orders in Council, 1925.

Not Represented.

Mr. E. T. Maitland prosecuted on behalf of the police, the accused were not represented by counsel.

Detective Sub-Inspector McDermott gave evidence of arrest and stated that he executed the warrant on Asa Singh in the Central Police Station on the previous day, and, after it had been read over and interpreted to him, and he had been warned in the customary manner, he said that he knew nothing about it.

The other two, Amar and Dalip Singh, were accorded the same treatment. Amar Singh said he had nothing to say but Dalip made a statement which was taken down in writing and signed by him. Amar was present, and after hearing the statement, agreed to it and signed it also.

The statement which was handed to the Court was as follows: "We did not distribute the papers. We went to see our relatives in camp. We asked permission from the sentry to go into the camp, but a European soldier stopped us and asked us our business. We told him that we came to see our relative, Amar Singh, who is a son of Arjki Singh of the village of Rajapur."

Statement Given.

"The soldier then asked us for our passports or some certificate to show where we worked. Dalip Singh showed him the buttons on his coat, showing that he belonged to the Dollar wharf. The soldier told us to wait and soon after a foreign policeman came and took us to the Yangtzepoo Police Station. We were searched in the presence of a foreign policeman and the papers were found on the person of Amar Singh."

Mr. Maitland asked for an adjournment until Monday, stating that it would take some time to have the papers translated. One of them, he said, was printed in English.

Mr. King stressed the gravity of the charge and said: "It is extremely serious at the present time owing to the state of China, and the charge is a grave one. If it is proved by the police there can be no question of a fine. I would suggest that if the accused have any friends they secure a lawyer before Monday."

SHANGHAI QUIETER.

OVERNIGHT NEWS.

Shanghai, Mar. 23, 11.25 a.m. The situation is generally quieter this morning.

General Pai Ching-hsi, commanding the Cantonese forces, is at Lunghua, four miles from the French Concession. He has only 2,500 troops at present. The foreign authorities are endeavouring to get into touch with him to-day.

The Chapel district is comparatively quiet, but there is still much lawlessness.—*Reuter.*

Latest Strike Situation.

Shanghai, Mar. 23, 3.15 p.m.

The strike situation is much the same, with 160,000 men out.

The Customs Chinese struck to-day, as a result of intimidation. This, combined with the Post Office strike, has caused a temporary commercial eclipse in Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

The Temptation of Terrorism.

Shanghai, Mar. 23, 1.45 p.m.

Up to noon to-day, the foreign authorities had not been able to get in touch with Pai Ching-hsi, but expect to do so soon, as he has taken up his quarters a few yards from the French border.

He is a moderate Nationalist and close friend of Chiang Kai-shek. He is believed to be very anti-"Red", and much opposed to extremism of any kind. So, however, are the Nationalist moderates at Hankow, and it remains to be seen whether he will succeed in controlling the left wing where the former failed. Moreover, the temptation to use the terrorist methods which the "Reds" favour is almost irresistible, so effective and successful have they hitherto proved at Shanghai and up the Yangtze.—*Reuter.*

Nationalist Control.

Shanghai, March 23.

General Pai Ching-hsi commanding the Southern forces in Shanghai, and who is also Chiang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff, has issued a manifesto addressed to the Chinese people.

He says, *inter alia*, that for eighty years the Imperialists under the protection of unequal treaties have reduced China to vassalage. After the revolution of 1911 the Imperialists continually supplied the Imperialists with arms and guns wherewith they have waged war for the past fifteen years.

On the one hand the foreign Imperialists have checked the development of Chinese education and industries and on the other have secured for themselves special privileges; but the Chinese have now awakened and Shanghai, the greatest commercial centre of the Far East would become not only a strong base for Chinese nationalism but for world revolution.

The people must distinguish, however, between attacking Imperialism and foreigners and must not insult foreigners or destroy their property. He urges arbitration to avoid strikes and also deprecates the exorbitant demands of workers which will result in the closing down of factories altogether.—*Reuter.*

American Move Justified.

New York, March 23.

Mr. Silas Strawn, the American member of the Chinese Extraterritoriality Commission, in a speech declared that the United States Government were absolutely justified in landing marines in Shanghai where he said there was \$370,000,000 worth of American property.

The Government were "fully cognizant of what was going on in China and would faithfully protect the rights of American business."

Mr. Strawn predicted that even if the Chinese obtained their pre-

JAPAN'S TRADE.

LESS IMPORTS LAST MONTH.

The Japanese Consulate General, in its monthly report on Japanese trade, states:

The excess of imports over exports in February has been reduced by 36 million Yen compared with that of the same period of last year, due to depression on the import side. Exchange was not affected by the earthquake in the Sanyin district and remained firm. The amount of notes in circulation and loans notably declined owing to small demand and the interest rate also showed a downward tendency.

The merchandise market improved with freight and charter market is favourable. Though some small local banks failed, the effect was slight.

Foreign trade of Japan during last month.—Value of Exports 135 million Yen; value of Imports 131 million Yen; excess of Imports 46 million Yen.

Trade of Japan with China during last month.—Value of Exports 31 million Yen; value of Imports 10 million Yen; excess of Exports 12 million Yen.

sent demands they would be no better off but more than ever slaves of the warlords.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Home Comment.

London, Mar. 23.

The situation in Shanghai is again discussed by the *Daily Telegraph*, which after trouncing the Labour leaders for their past attitude in view of the actual state of affairs, asks whether the infatuated counsel to trust Mr. Chen for the protection of Britishers in Shanghai was ever more wittingly exposed by the course of events. It asks where Mr. Chen figures in this ghastly situation, and what are his position and power now. The Communist element has seized control of the Nationalist party, and the Government of Hankow.

Referring to yesterday's events, the paper says the British troops are not to be defended, but rather honoured for the action taken in meeting murderous violence.—*Reuter.*

"Chaos in Shanghai."

London, March 23.

Under the caption of "Chaos in Shanghai," *The Times*, in a leader says that the turning point in Shanghai has come in a manner that far more than justifies the dispatch of the Defence Force by Britain. What is happening now in Shanghai must inevitably arouse the greatest anxiety. The only firm centre in the present Chaos is the International Council, which is only able to maintain any authority because of the presence of the British Defence Force which is at last supported by other foreign forces.

Nobody can know the end but it is certain that the present crisis in Shanghai is only the initial stage of a protracted Chinese and International crisis wherein many factors are still hardly calculable. The great majority of the British Nation are certainly thankful that in this crisis the right thing has been done and that amid anarchy and bloodshed in Shanghai the Defence Force stands for stability and a profound British sense of great responsibilities.—*Reuter.*

Change of Control Suggested.

London, March 23.

The *Manchester Guardian*, in an editorial on the future of Shanghai, suggests that negotiations should be taken out of the hands of the Municipal Council and put in charge of the Foreign Offices of the Governments concerned. The present moment is particularly opportune for doing so because the moderate Cantonese led by Chiang Kai-shek will probably be ready to come to terms more favourable to foreign rights than those admitted under the Hankow agreement.—*Reuter.*

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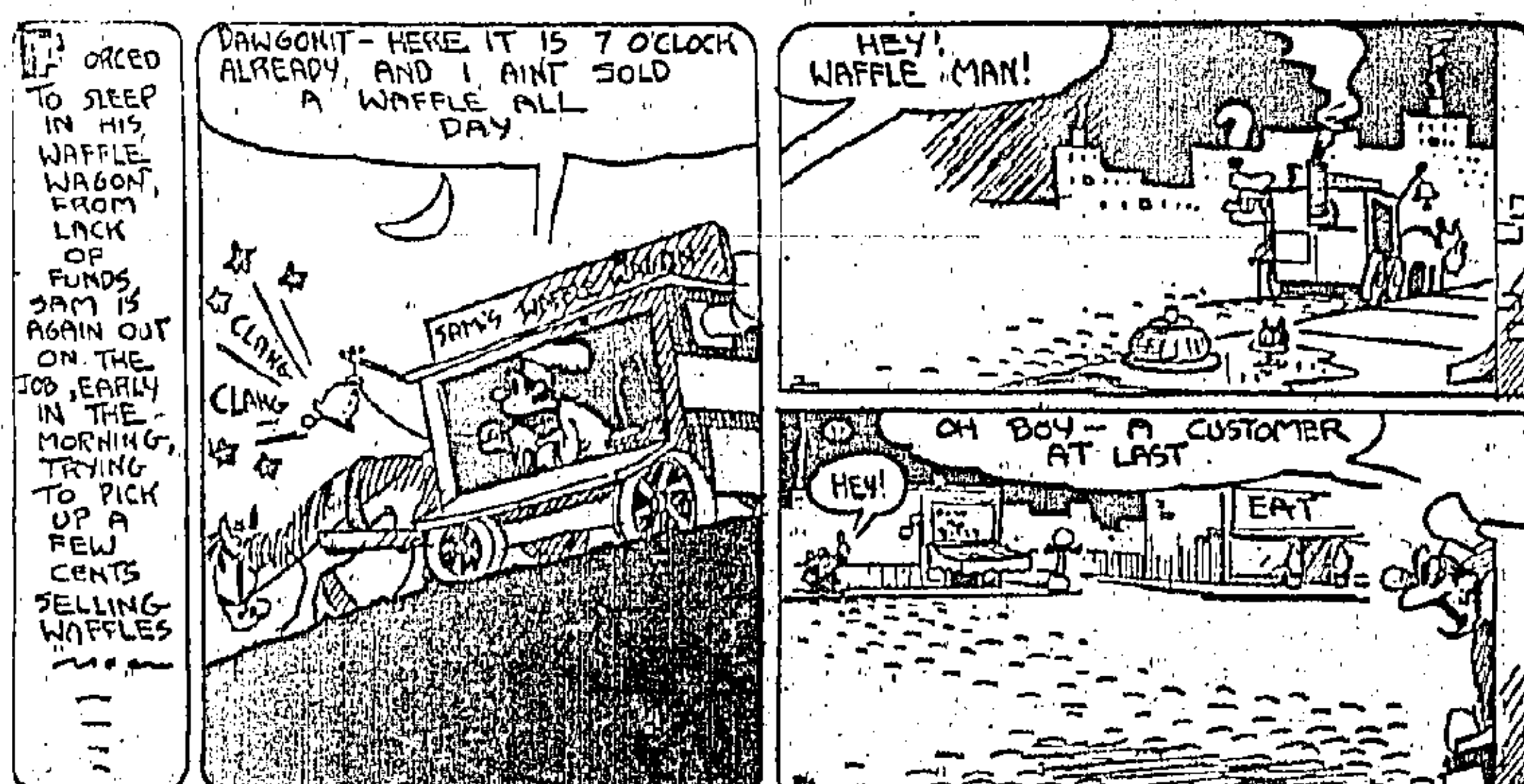
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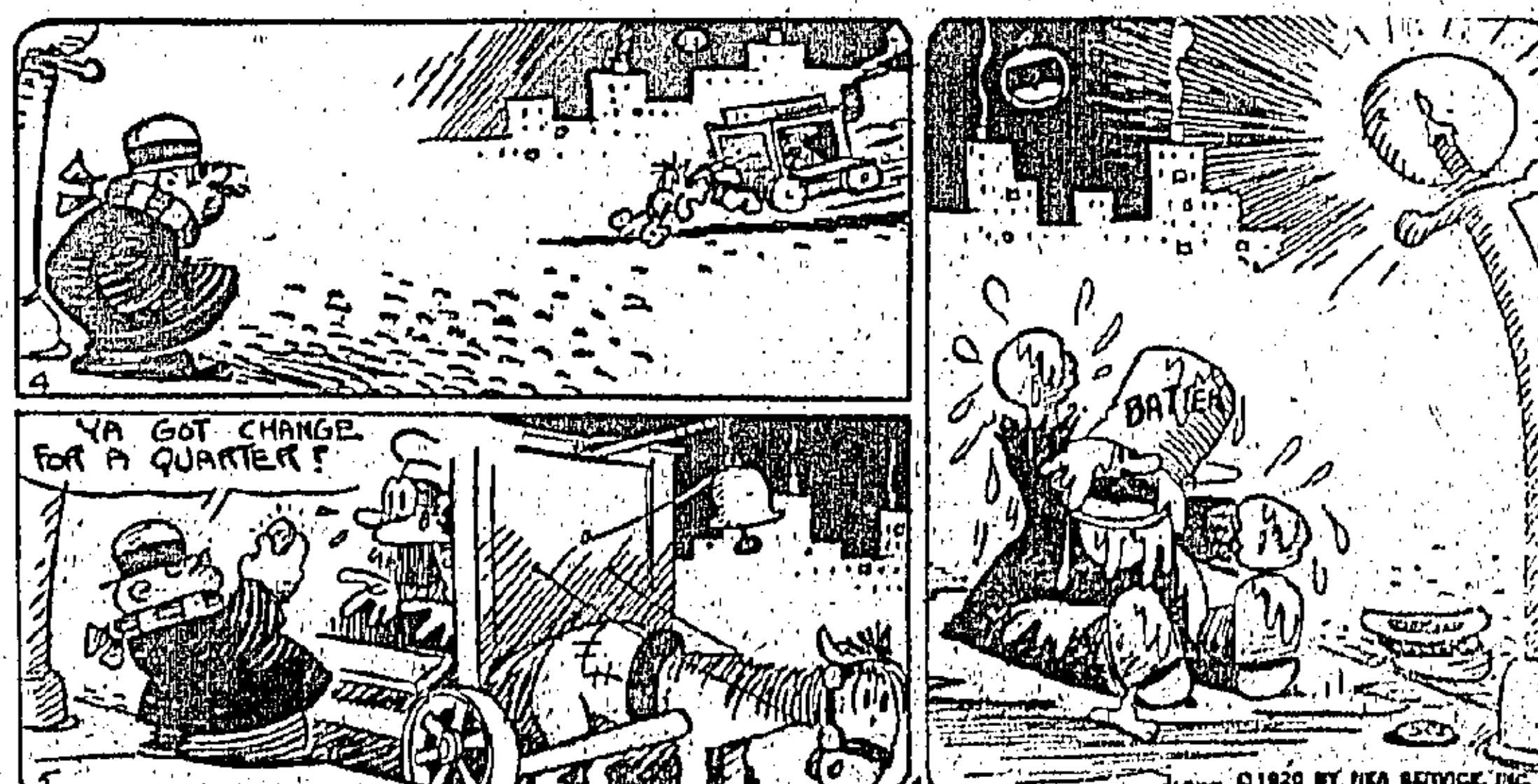
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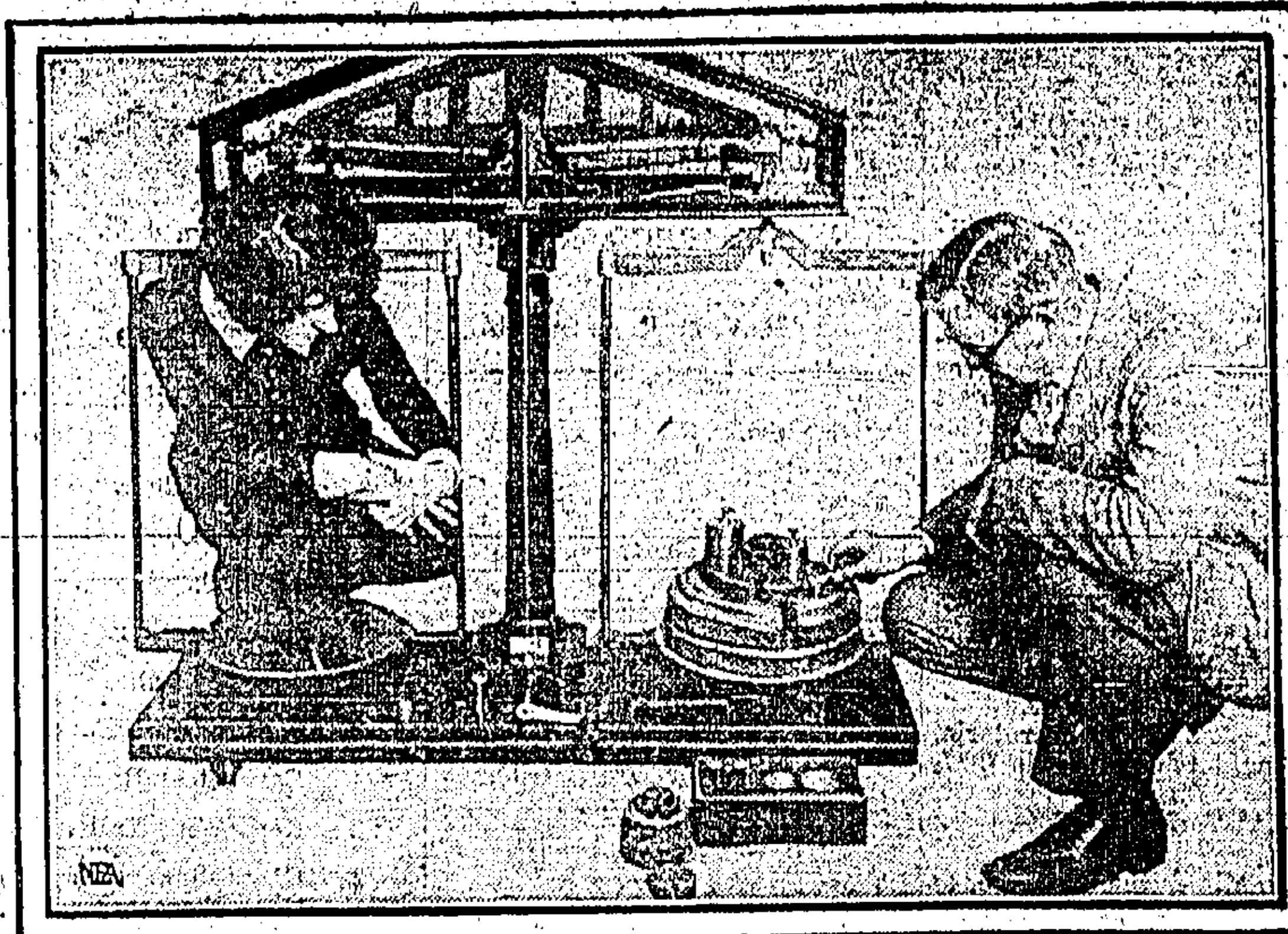
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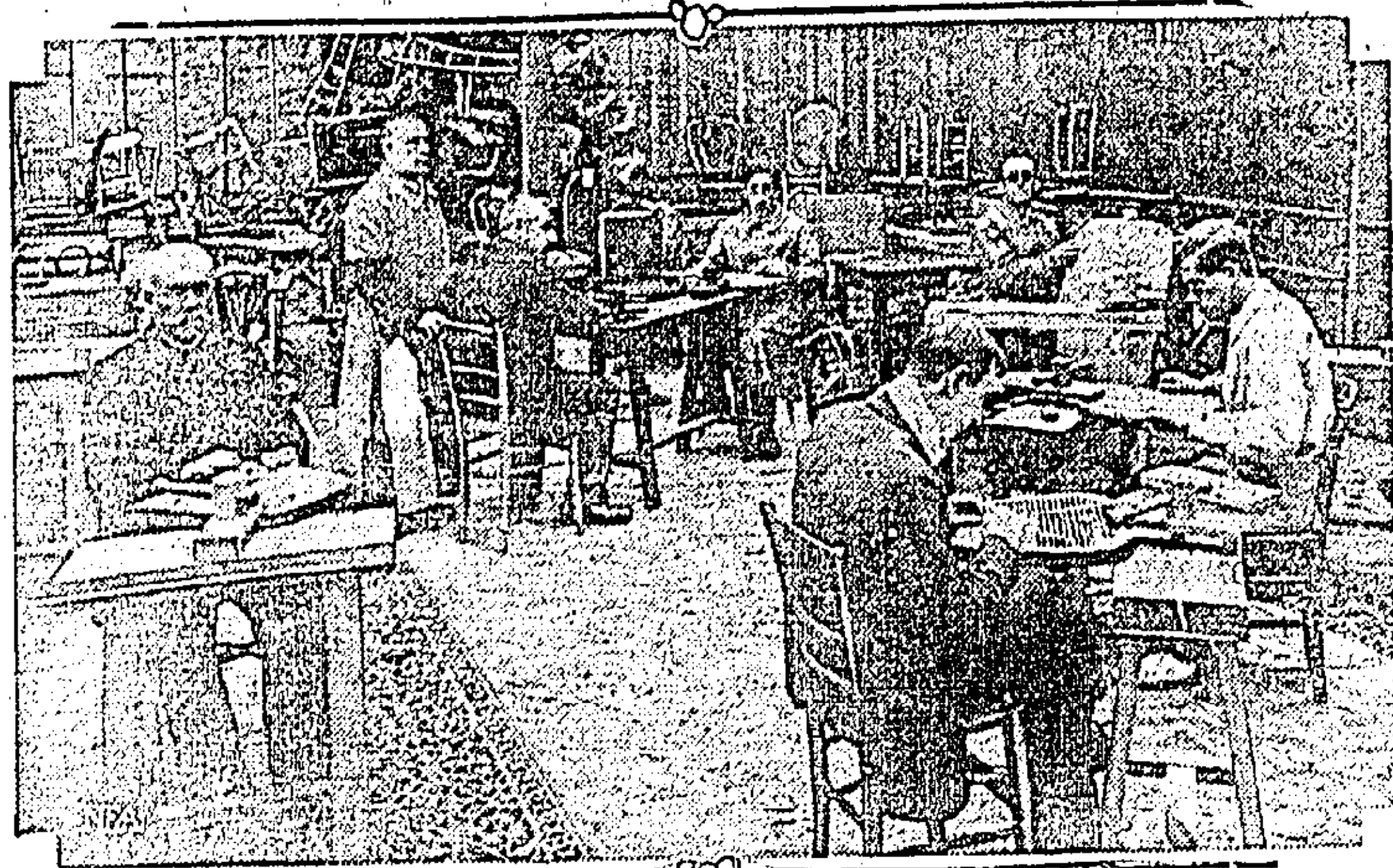
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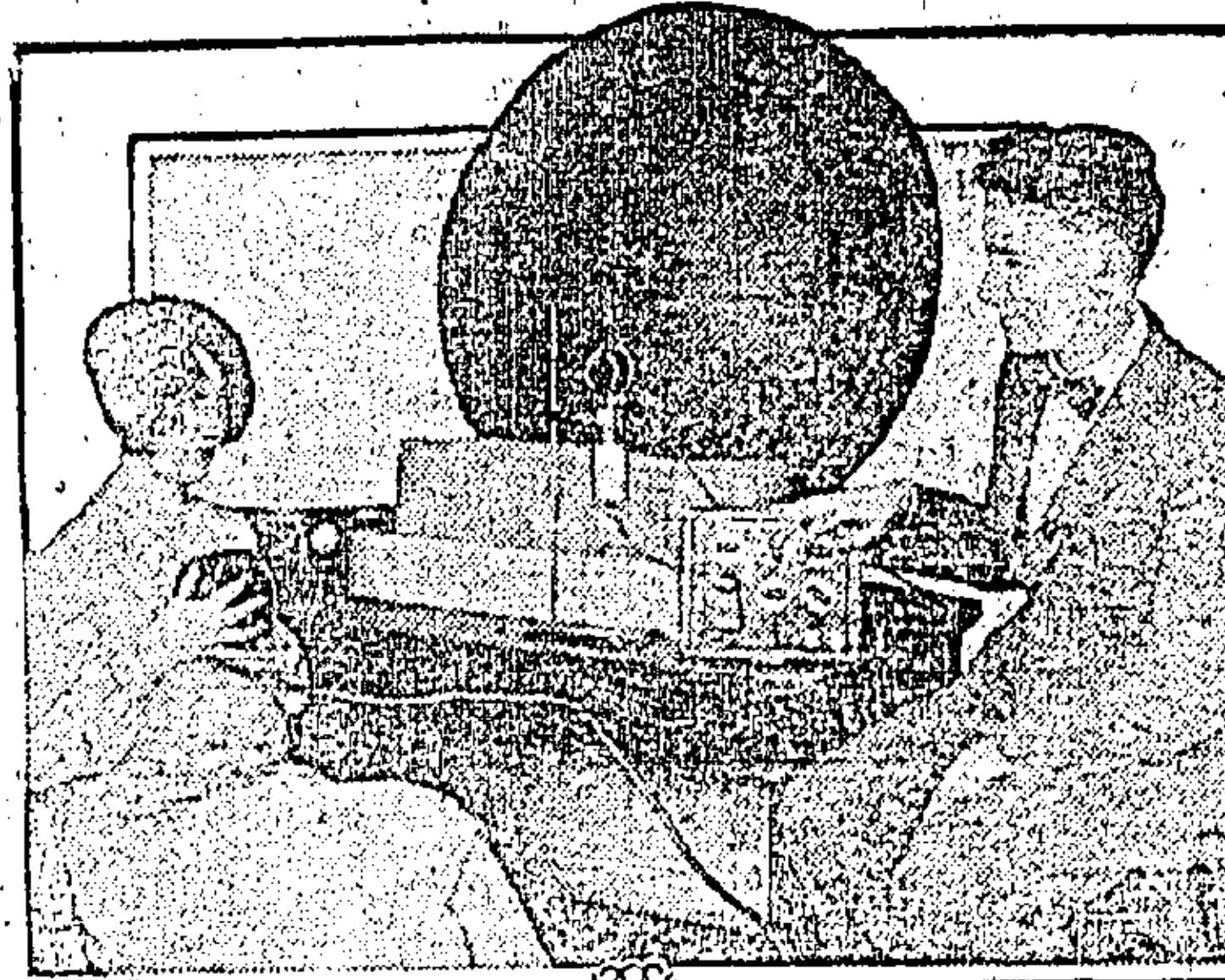
YOUTHFUL RADIO STAR.—Sylvia Lent, noted girl violinist, made her radio debut on Sunday evening, Feb. 20, when she played in an Atwater Kent concert. Since her first appearance in New York a few seasons ago she has been heard as soloist with the Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Detroit symphony orchestras, and is the youngest artist to take part in the Atwater Kent programmes. Miss Lent's home is in Washington.



DELICATE SCALES.—The new ultra-sensitive scales used in the Bureau of Mines experiments at Washington. The girl on the scales has just exercised in a warm room, and the scales are showing how much weight she has lost.



"LIGHTHOUSE OF FRANCE."—A group of blinded French war veterans learning trades in one of the workrooms of "Le Phare," in Paris. Hundreds of blinded men have been educated and trained here, and only those most seriously afflicted make their homes in it.



MAGNIFIES HEART BEATS.—Winford W. Salisbury, University of Iowa, demonstrates the Photo-Electro-Cardiograph, the invention of two Iowans which reveals the truth about heart afflictions. Miss Eleanor Bardwell, a co-ed, is the "patient."



CRUFT'S DOG SHOW, ISLINGTON.—Our picture shows Miss E. A. Mansell's Great Dane, Champion Maurice of Cuddington, winner of a first prize and championship at Cruft's Dog Show. (Times copyright).



PORTUGUESE REVOLT.—Leaders of the Oporto revolt, one of them being a naval officer named Jaime Morais, arriving blindfolded at the headquarters of the Government troops to sue for an armistice. This was refused, unconditional surrender being the only terms offered. (Times copyright).

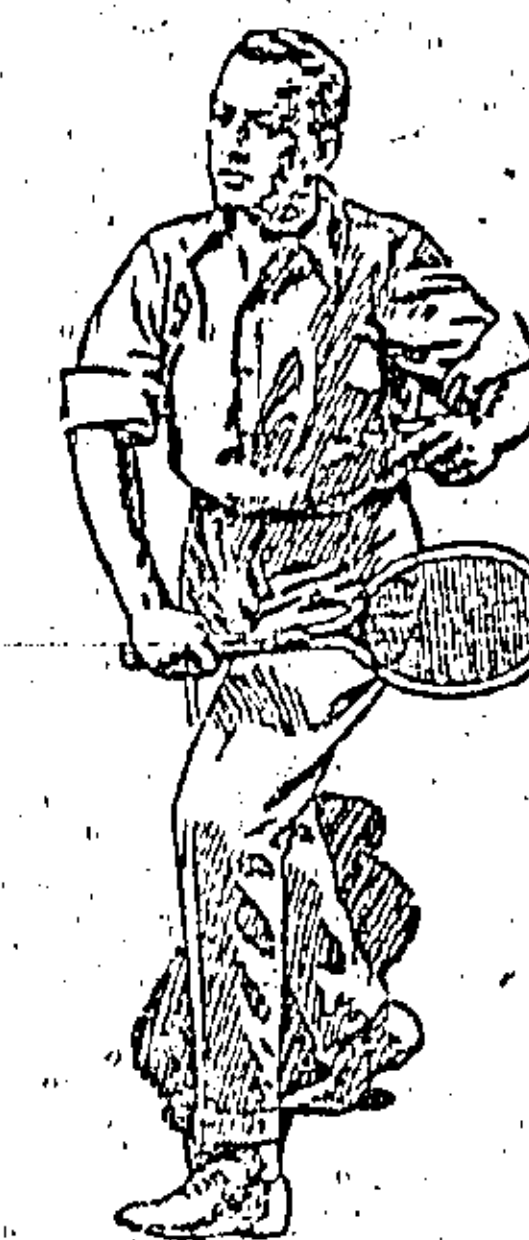


WEDDING BELLS AT SHANGHAI.—A wedding of considerable interest to Shanghai was solemnized at St. Joseph's Church recently when Mrs. Mary Turner, nee Bowon, became the wife of Mr. James Harper Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. This group picture was taken at the reception held at the Majestic. Left to right, standing: Mr. R. W. Skinner, Mr. H. O. Wasser, Mr. P. W. Massey, the bridegroom, Mr. V. W. G. Smith (best man), Mr. F. Ross, Mrs. P. W. Massey and Mr. Maurice Benjamin. Seated: Miss Isabel Lawson, bridesmaid, Mrs. R. W. Skinner (matron of honour), the bride, Miss Patricia Turner (daughter of the bride), Mrs. M. Benjamin.



TENNIS STAR ON HOLIDAY.—Mrs. Vincent Richards likes surf bathing almost as much as her husband likes tennis. Richards, who was recently passed over in the rating of tennis stars for the past season, is now down in Miami Beach, Florida, so as to fully rest up from his tour with Pyle's tennis troupe and also allow his wife a chance to get her fill of surf bathing.

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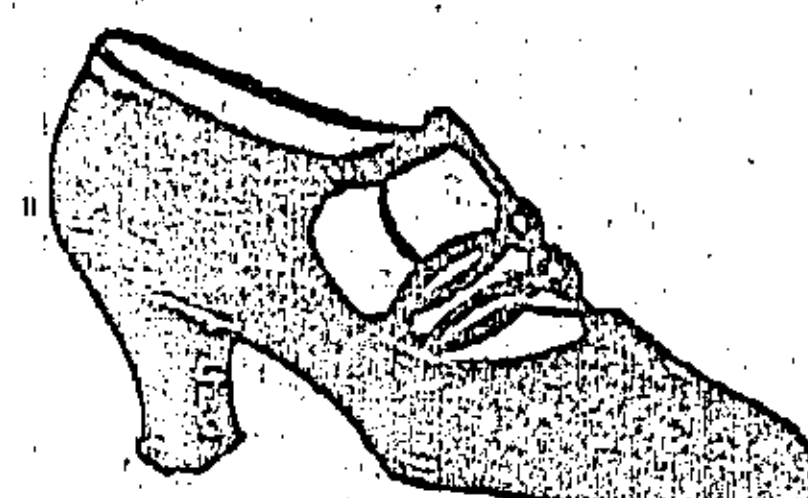
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HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association has been postponed to Friday, April 1st, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
G. E. S. UPSELL,
Hon. Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TUITION.

ENGLISH LADY, experienced teacher, with knowledge of Chinese, has vacancy for pupil from 9.30 to 10.30 each morning. Advanced or elementary English. Would be willing to form class of two or three pupils. Particulars from Box No. 164, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Executive Members and Consulting Members of the Racing Committee of the International Race Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd. (I.R.R.C.) shall be held, for the purpose of arranging the coming Race Meeting on Friday, the 25th March, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. at Kom Hong Hall, 7, Lower Castle Road Hongkong. Members of the said Committee are requested to attend the above mentioned Meeting.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

Macao, 22 March, 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Wednesday, the Thirtieth day of March, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Thursday, the Twenty-first day of April, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Manager.
Dated the 12th day of Mar., 1927.

CLUB LUSITANO. CIRCULAR.

A Comissao Directora do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar os Excmos. Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. familias das seguintes instituicoes: Club de Recreio, Associao Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos, Club Lusitano, os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa e os amigos do Excmo. Sr. Dr. Jose Caetano Soares, para assistir a recepcao (cha e danca) que sera longa na Sexta-feira, 26 de corrente, as 17.30, na sala "Luz de Camoes," em honra do Excmo. Sr. Dr. Jose Caetano Soares e sua Exma. Esposa.

E. D. DA ROZA,
O Secretario.
Hongkong, 22 de Marco de 1927.

NAVY LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the above will be held on Tuesday, 29th inst. at 5.30 p.m. in the boardroom of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the report of the Committee and statement of Accounts for the past year.
- (2) To elect the officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
- (3) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 23, 1927.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

THE 38th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 22nd March, 1927, until Wednesday, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1927.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 18th day of March, to Monday, the 28th day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

John D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd Floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road C, Hongkong, on 31st March, 1927, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 31st March, 1927, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1927.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 29th March, 1927, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927, (both days inclusive).

By Order,
of the Board of DirectorsR. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1927.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.
If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

Mr. E. R. Ram retires from this firm on 31st March, 1927 and will have no interest nor responsibility in any work done by the firm after that date. The business will be carried on under the name of Denison Ram & Gibbs by Messrs. L. Gibbs and E. F. R. Sample.

Denison Ram & Gibbs.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Monday, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1927.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Saturday, 26th March, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 17th to the 26th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order,
of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 26th March, 1927, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.50 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to Friday 25th March.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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Hongkong, March 17, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY,
the 24th March, 1927,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

- 17 Cases Sardines.
- 5 Bales Leather.
- 97½ Dozen Combs.
- 2 Crates Steel Bars.
- 1 Case Steel Bars.
- 8 Kegs Wire Nails.
- 2 Cases Sugar Corn and 1 Case Tomatoes.

A Quantity of Provisions, comprising:—

Turnips, Carrots, Peaches, Harplings, Cauliflower, Mushroom Sauce, Vienna Sausages, Mixed Soup, Veal Loaf, etc.

A Lot of Miscellaneous Goods.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,
the 28th March, 1927,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps, including:—

China, Hongkong & Broken Crown.

Catalogues will be issued. On View from Saturday, the 26th March, 1927.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,
the 28th March, 1927,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 5, Queen's Garden, May Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture, comprising:—

Upholstered Sofas, Chairs, Cabinets, Dining Room Suite by Lane Crawford Ltd., Pictures, Rugs, Electrical Gear, etc.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. D. M. Neilson to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY,
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at No. 4, Highburgh Terrace,
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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture (some made by Wm. Powell, Ltd.) also

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Mar. 24, 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,
the 28th March, 1927,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.
Furniture at Humphrey's Building.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)

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HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held in the Pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday, 28th inst., at 5.30 Clubs interested are asked to send a representative.

G. W. SEWELL,
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,080 b.
Chartered Bank, \$21 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.
Mercantile C., \$13 n.
P. and O., \$91 b.
East Asia, \$74 s.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$6621 b.
China Underwriters, \$80 b.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., \$292 b.
Yangetze Ins., \$38 n.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$205 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$640 b.

Shipping

Douglases, \$31 sa.
Steamboats, \$20 s.
Tugs, \$1.10 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 s.
Shell Trans., \$9/6 s.
Star Ferries, \$54 b.
Waterboats, \$14 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$22 s.
Malabons, \$31 n.

Mining.

Benquets, \$1.40 b.
Kailans, \$3/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 22 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Raubs, \$4 s.
Tronohs, \$1/- n.
Ural Caspians, \$8/- n.

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Kowloon Wharves, \$102 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$40 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 150 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 51 n.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 101 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.40 s.
H.K. Lands, \$521 b.
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Territorials, \$21 b.
Humphreys, \$121 b.
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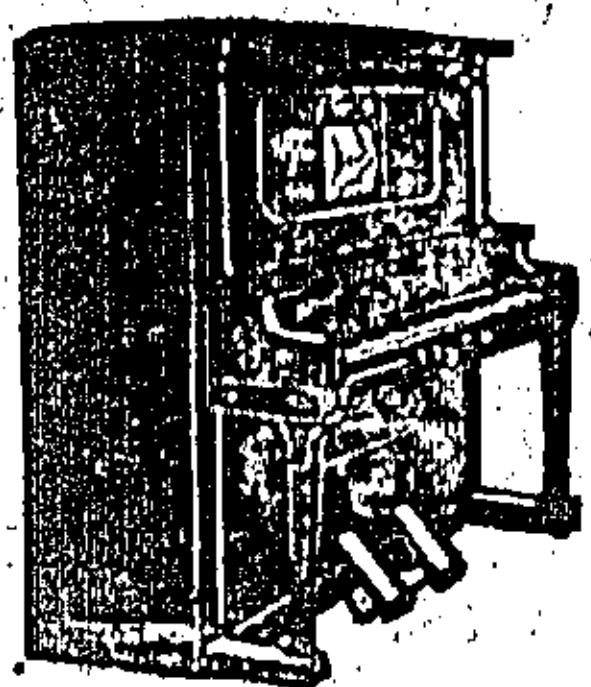
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Ewo Cottons, Tls. 7.85 n.
Orientals, Tls. 21 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 n.

Buses, Trams

China Buses, Tls. 91 n.
Tramways, \$201 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$151 b.
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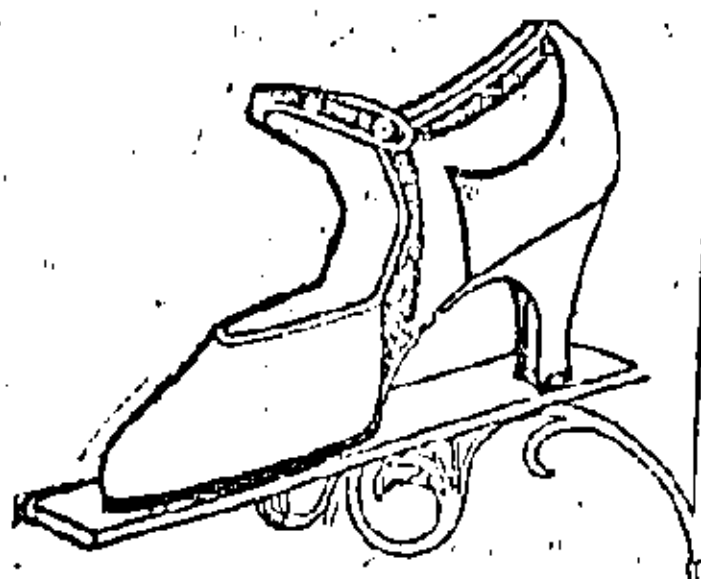
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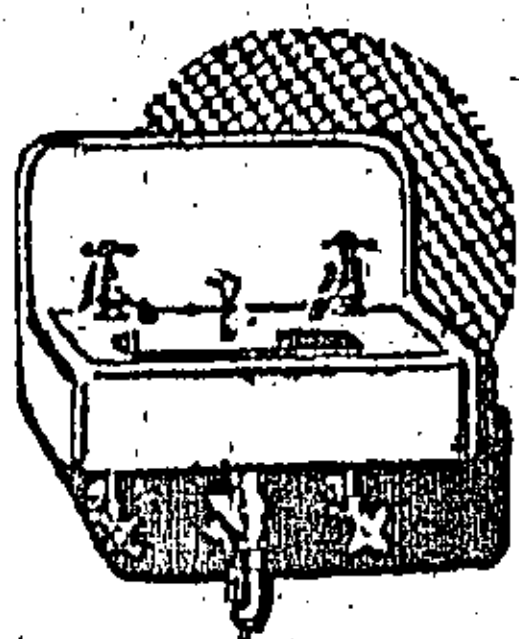
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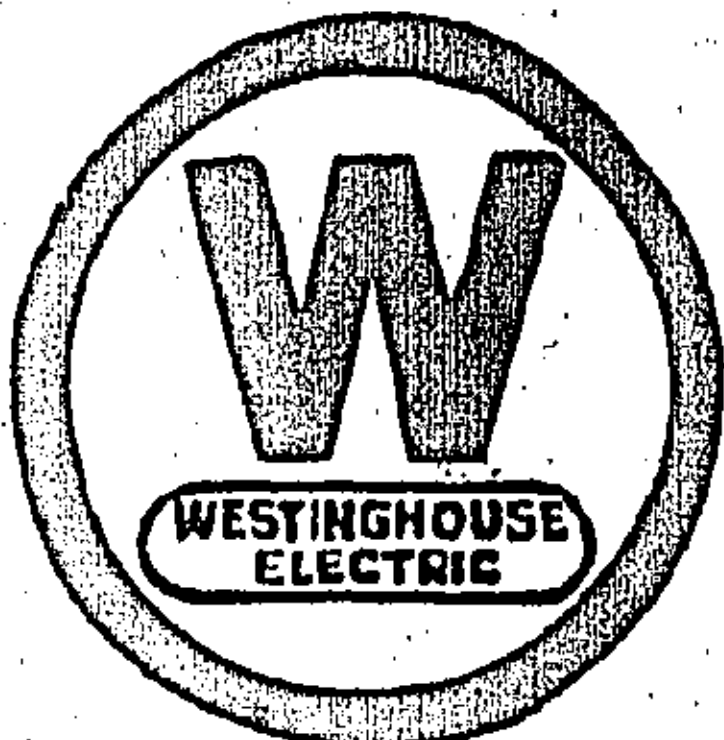
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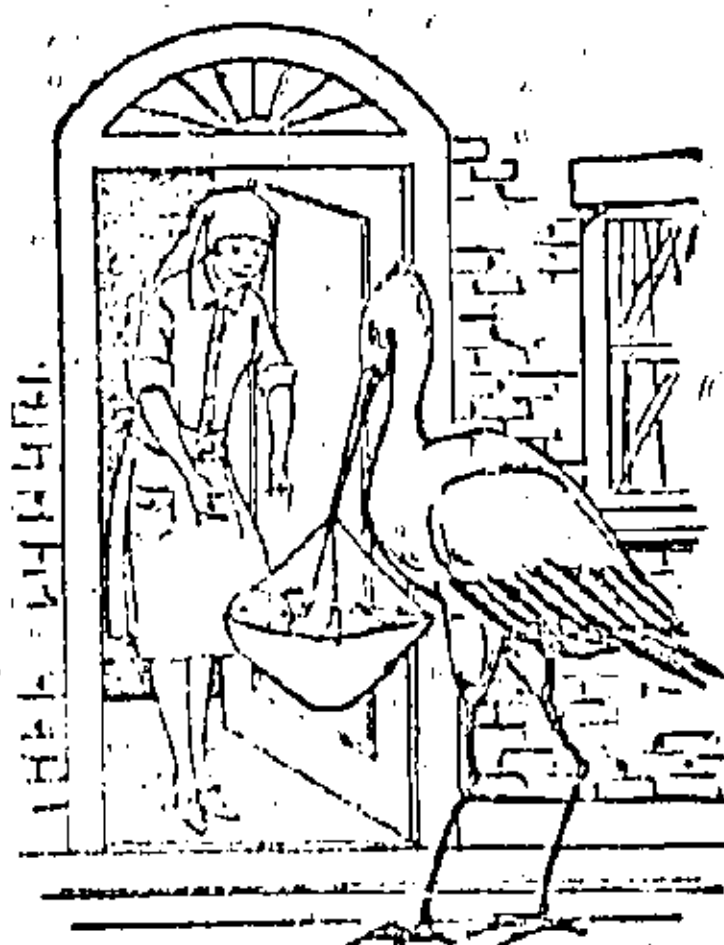
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CRUELTY CHARGE.

LITTLE GIRL EXONERATES
MISTRESS.

A Chinese woman, living at No. 132 Belchers Street, appeared yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell charged with assaulting with extreme severity a small girl who lived with her. Defendant was represented by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

The little girl was brought into court to give evidence, but wept and could not answer the questions put to her. The magistrate told the interpreter to tell her that she had nothing to fear, but must tell the truth, whereupon the little girl wept more bitterly than before and was taken out to be pacified, the magistrate proceeding with the evidence of the other witnesses.

A foki working in the ground floor of No. 132 Belchers Street said that when he opened the door of the kitchen leading into the yard on the morning of the 8th March, he found a little girl, whom he had never seen before, squatting in the yard. She might have been there all night, but he could not say for certain. She could not have entered by any of the doors on the ground floor.

Many Wounds.

Dr. D. J. Valentine said that the little girl was admitted to hospital on the 8th March at 8.50 a.m. She had a wound on the left side of her head just above the eye, and around it she had an abrasion. He said a likely cause of such a wound would be a fall. The girl also had extensive bruises on both buttocks. These bruises could also be caused by a fall. A beating would not produce such wounds unless it was with something very wide and flat.

The girl had a peculiar condition of both her hands and feet. The skin on the palms and soles were hard and red, and the back of the hands and feet appeared as if the girl was accustomed to have strings drawn through her fingers. The skin was cracked between the fingers and toes. The doctor mentioned that he had never seen such hands and feet before.

The little girl was again brought to the witness-box, but she would not stand up. She sat on the floor and laughed and shook her hands and feet. After much coaxing by a Chinese interpreter and a detective she said: This is the truth. I fell down from the window into the yard.

Asked by the magistrate if her mistress had ill-treated her, she said: I was well treated. My mistress did not know that I fell over.

No Case.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that he could not go on with the case.

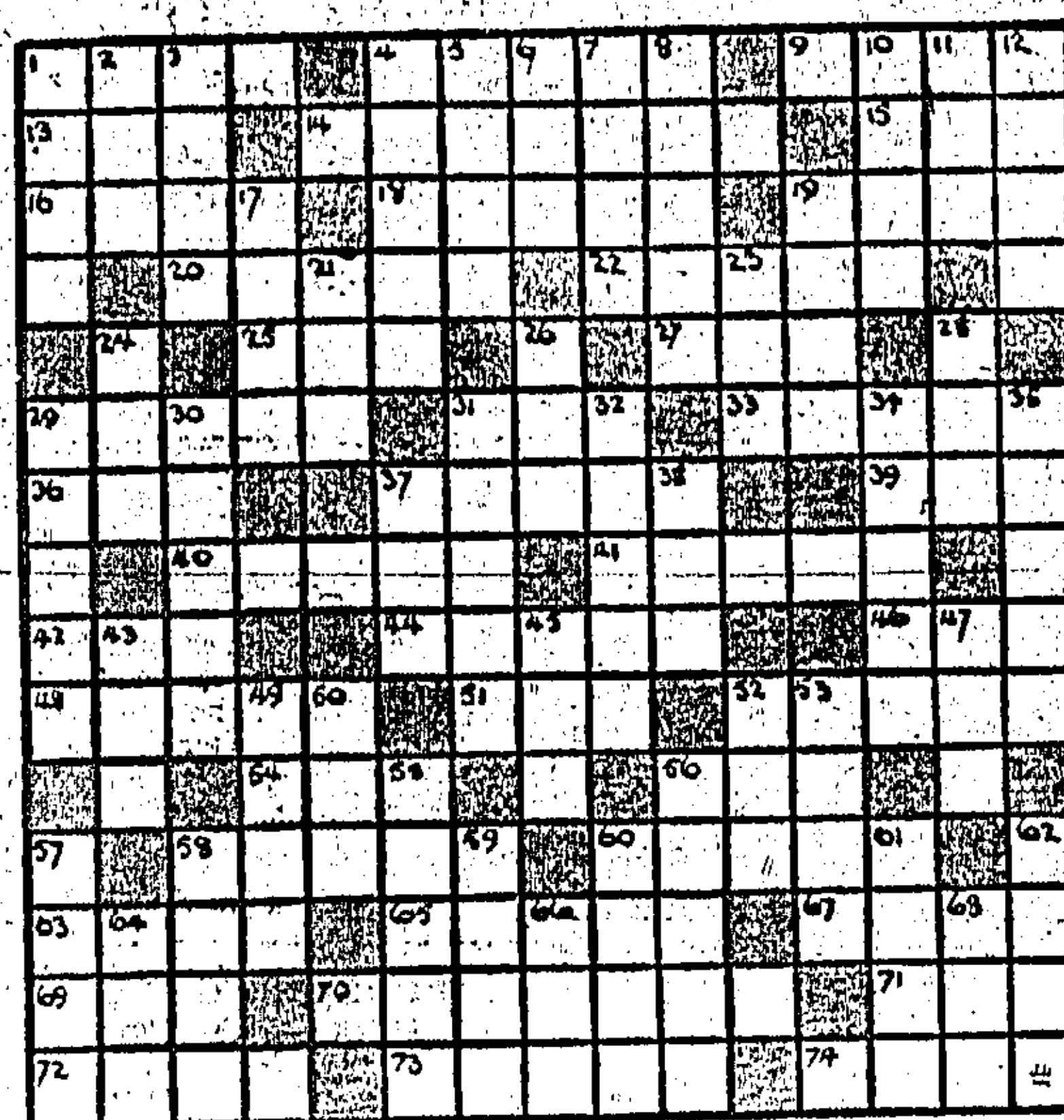
Mr. Brutton said that although his client was discharged, she would like to explain how the girl came to be on the ground floor, bruised and bleeding, early in the morning. She said that the little girl had been with the defendant for six years and was in fact a relation of her husband. The child must have fallen down while the rest of the house was asleep. In the morning they missed her, and although two persons went out in search they did not find her. It was not till the police arrived that they knew the girl had fallen into the yard.

As regards the strange condition of her hands and feet, Mr. Brutton explained that was due to the fact that the little girl was very mischievous, and always played with water, hence the cracks and the hard skin.

Mr. Lindsell: Defendant is discharged. As regards the disposal of the girl, I must leave that to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Nearly 10,000 attended the annual Burns's Night Concert, promoted by the Scottish Clans Association of London, at the Albert Hall.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Tatters.
- 4 Prison apartments.
- 9 Hut.
- 13 Turkish Commander.
- 14 French town.
- 15 Dread.
- 16 Kind of serif.
- 18 Puff out with conceit.
- 19 Delight.
- 20 School punishment.
- 22 Weird.
- 25 Fish.
- 27 Tense.
- 28 Yielded.
- 31 Enemy.
- 33 Waterbirds.
- 36 Be in debt to.
- 37 Kings of beasts.
- 39 Guided.
- 40 Repeated.
- 41 Consumed.
- 42 Slimy fish.
- 44 Prevent from acting.
- 46 Period.
- 48 Dress fabric.
- 51 Performed.
- 52 Hearts.
- 54 Portuguese coin.
- 56 Seed vessel.
- 58 Fixes firmly.
- 59 Plants.
- 63 Vegetable.
- 65 Part of the ode.
- 67 Remain.
- 69 Used in cricket.
- 70 Evil talking.
- 71 Household (biblical).
- 72 Medley of meat and vegetables.
- 73 Ringlet.
- 74 Gratis.

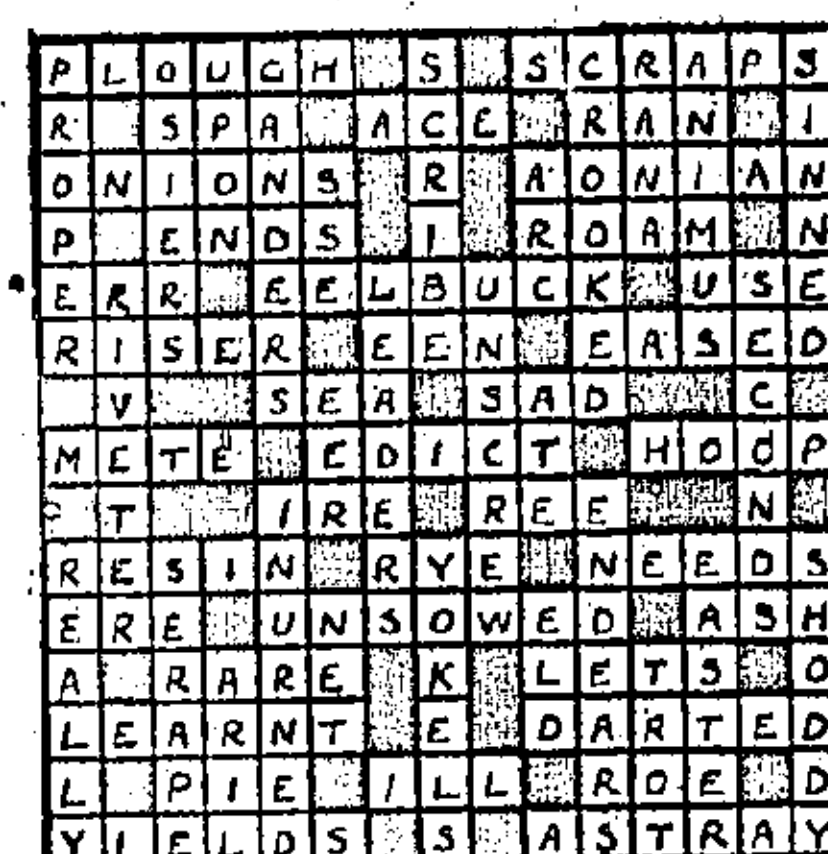
Down.

- 1 Snatched from.
- 2 Time of existence.
- 3 Prison.
- 4 Belief.
- 5 Measure of length (plur.).
- 6 Meadow.
- 7 Tardy.
- 8 Spoken derisively.
- 10 Sound.
- 11 Female animal.
- 12 Profound.
- 17 Pleasing.

Down.

- 19 Sarcasm remark.
- 21 Incline the head.
- 23 Dress a ship.
- 24 Not many.
- 25 Card game.
- 28 Employ.
- 29 Fruits of pines.
- 30 Divided.
- 31 Punished with a fine.
- 32 Finished.
- 34 Of greater age.
- 35 Miscellaneous handbooks on Scandinavian poetry.
- 37 Cover.
- 38 Title.
- 43 Organ of hearing.
- 45 Gratitude (Colloq).
- 47 Dress fabric.
- 49 Metal.
- 50 New (prefix).
- 52 Call of a dove.
- 53 Poems.
- 55 Build.
- 56 Earnest requests.
- 57 Flows back.
- 58 Chum.
- 59 Box.
- 60 Subjoins.
- 61 Celestial body.
- 62 Low wall.
- 64 Masticate and swallow.
- 66 Single.
- 68 Exists.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



THE BALKANS AFFAIR

PEACEFUL COUNSELS
PREVAILING.

Paris, Mar. 23.
A Socialist attempt to raise a debate on the Italo-Yugo-Slav affair was frustrated by M. Briand, who said it would only inflame dying passions at present. The House agreed.

Mr. Briand said that events were evolving towards a peaceful solution, and envisaged the diplomatic attitude of everybody concerned. He declared if the independence of Albania were at stake, the League would intervene immediately.

The Yugo-Slavian Minister, in an interview with M. Briand, had assured him that Yugo-Slavia would agree to an international enquiry on the frontier situation by the military attaches at Belgrade.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT.

FRANCE CIRCULATES DRAFT
TREATY.

Geneva, Mar. 23.
The French delegation to the disarmament committee has distributed a draft treaty containing thirty articles, limiting armaments. No figures are laid down.

It provides that in case of unjustified aggression, the attacked party should inform the League and its mobilisation will be freed from the obligations of the proposed treaty, subject to the obligations of the League Covenant if the attacked country is a member of the League.

It provides that no warship shall exceed a certain tonnage and armament. No warship, except in case of loss, shall be replaced before the age limit. It also provides for annual returns of expenditure.

The duration of the treaty is not mentioned.—Reuter.

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MERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Association of Past and Present Commercial Students held their third Annual Meeting at the University Union last evening, there being a fair attendance of members with Mr. Wong Ping In in the chair.

After the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting the secretary rendered his report, which, was in part as follows.

The membership which had stood at 50 during the previous year, had dwindled down to 31, of which 26 were undergraduates, the deplorable depression in trade having had an adverse effect on enrolment.

Activities during the year had been confined to a visit to Sir Robert Ho Tung's Experimental Farm at Sheung Shui, which had been well attended, and a farewell party to Professor W. J. Hinton on his departure for Home leave.

The annual dinner of the Association was held on February 29 in the Great Hall of the University, with the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kots-wall presiding.

Financially the year was not a prosperous one and the annual dinner showed a loss of \$50, but it was with great pleasure that the Secretary was able to hand over a balance of \$78.50 to the incoming committee.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows, after an amendment of the rules.

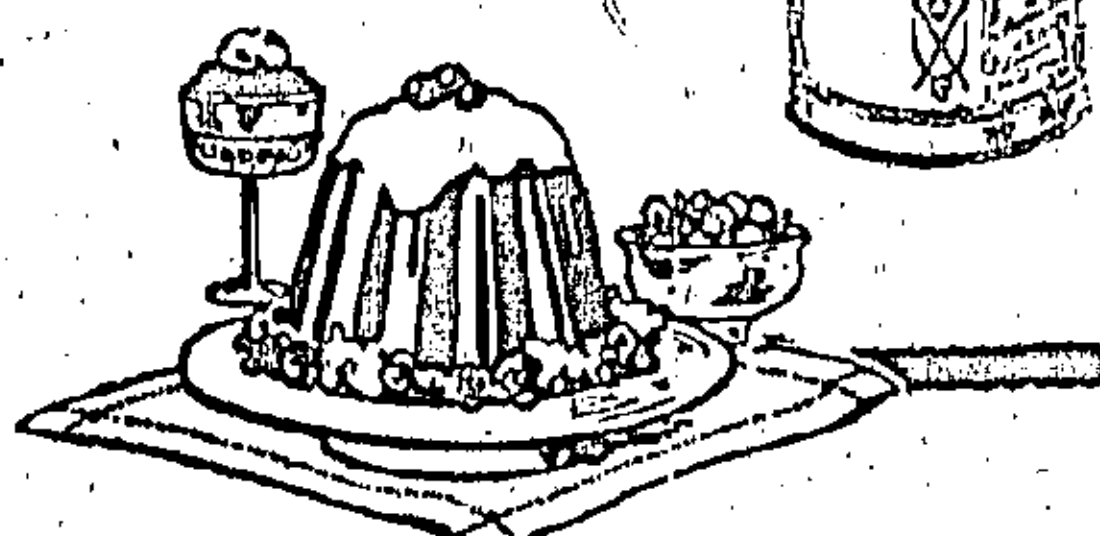
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The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers of the Association for the past year.

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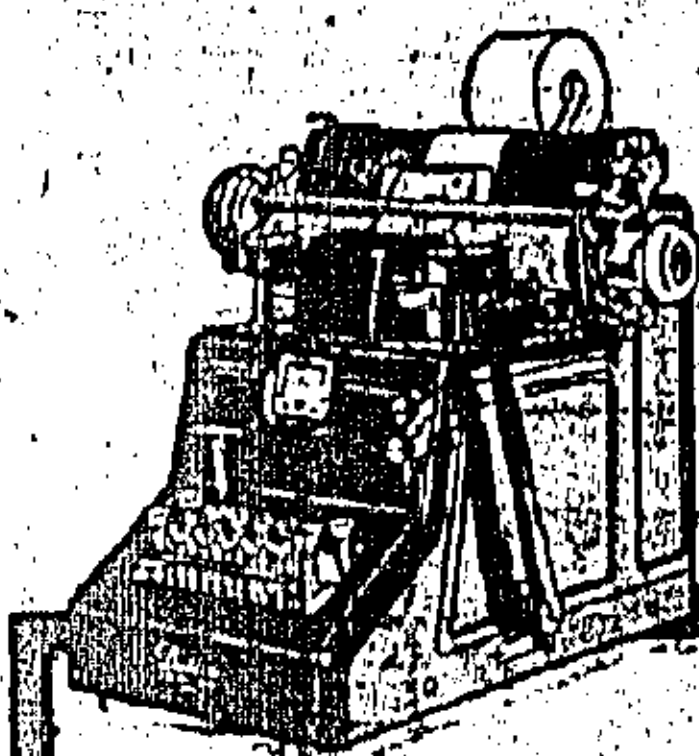
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SHANGHAI'S TRAVAIL.

The reign of terror and indescribable chaos which has prevailed in and around Shanghai during the past two days should have convinced even the most perverse that Britain's policy in sending an adequate defence force to protect the lives of Britishers within the International Settlement was the right and wise one. It takes but little imagination to picture what might have happened had not a strong cordon of British troops been thrown round the Settlement as a protective ring against inroads by undisciplined, unofficered and lawless Chinese soldiers, retreating as a lustful and greedy rabble in face of the Nationalists' advance. The full story of Chapei has yet to be told, but enough is known to have caused a shudder to pass through even the most indifferent. Unbridled beastliness; murder and callous disregard of all the humanities have been exhibited by the fleeing Shantung troops, and when this is remembered in conjunction with the fact that many of them attempted to rush the barriers protecting the Settlement and fired on British troops in their eagerness to break through, it is clear beyond the need of emphasis that the large cosmopolitan foreign population of Shanghai owes its present immunity from overwhelming disaster and unthinkable outrage to the line of troops (mostly British) which the authorities had the foresight to see might be necessary. There has not been the slightest deviation from Britain's avowed policy, namely, the protection of British lives and the observance of a strict neutrality between the rival armies. The foreign Settlement must, at all costs, be kept inviolate against invasion by armed Chinese forces, and whether they be Northerners or Southerners who seek to make forcible entry into that foreign sanctuary and asylum they must be prepared to face well-armed, and determined resistance. That the Settlement is proving an asylum from the turmoil of factional strife is a fact of tremendous comfort to all. Not only foreigners, but unarmed and pitifully-frightened Chinese from the riot-ridden districts around Chapei are pouring into the fast-overcrowding haven. There is an acute and growing food supply and accommodation problem presenting itself, and the leaders of commercial and official circles in

this Colony might well hold early council between themselves to discover if there is any way in which Hongkong can be of assistance to the great northern port now mothering a large helpless family that is fast outnumbering the city's resources. Of course, there must be a limit to the influx of Chinese, but we think that the Shanghai authorities are acting fully in the right when they admit as many as possible.

The pity of the situation is that inside the Settlement there is a far from unified populace. The extremists are in control, strikes and intimidation are the order of the day and there is intense class and factional warfare. The strike of the postal employees has again paralysed the postal service, a fact which the *North China Daily News* does well to emphasize is of international importance, and a happening that stands to discredit China in the eyes of the other nations of the world who view the full observance of the International Postal Agreement as a jealous trust. There are so many political issues mixed up with the military happenings that the general situation has become kaleidoscopic and susceptible to frequent and violent change. One can only hope that the better thinking and saner elements of the Chinese population will begin to exert moderating influence, and that this nightmare of strife, labour disputes, intimidation and general insecurity will soon pass.

[Later news received to-day states that the general strike has been called off.]

Out of Control.

Recent Shanghai police reports refer in *extenso* to the activities of Chinese Communists in the Northern settlement, the aim in view being to organise the power of the revolutionary labourers and peasants so as to give support to the Nationalist regime. The lines on which these mischief-makers have been proceeding is to send out agitators so that, at the appointed time, the workers would be reduced to such a state of fear that they would obey the order to strike without hesitation. How effective the scheme has worked we all know, for to-day there are thousands of strikers in Shanghai who, had they followed their own inclinations, would still have remained at their posts. Another point which is stressed is that the persons waging the campaign of terrorism have no personal grievances against their victims, and statements made by two arrested men are to the effect that they merely took employment under certain of the Labour Unions as hired assassins. It is when we read of developments of this character that we realise the manner in which the extremists have got hold of the situation in so many industrial centres in China. Unhappily, the great majority of the instances of cold-blooded murder have been the work of paid agents of organisations which figure prominently in support of the Nationalists. The plain fact, of course, is that the forces of lawlessness and disorder have been given undue encouragement and have been allowed to get out of hand. In other words, the so-called "liberating" movement has got out of the control of its sponsors. What the end of it all will be, none can say.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 23.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.25
Berlin	20.15
Oslo	18.60
Helsingfors	102
Athens	376
Buenos Aires	47.710
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
New York	48.85
Amsterdam	12.13
Stockholm	18.13
Vienna	34.52 1/2
Madrid	27.24
Bucharest	8.10
Bombay	1/16 1/4
Yokohama	2/0 1/32
Brussels	34.94
Milan	108 1/2
Copenhagen	18.21
Prague	103 1/2
Lisbon	2.5
Rio	27 1/2
Singapore	25.7 1/2
Silver (spot)	25.7 1/2
Silver (forward)	25.7 1/2

—British Wireless.

Public vaccination will be carried out by the St. John Ambulance Association near the Peak Hotel entrance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Peak residents are invited to send their Chinese servants who wish to be vaccinated.

DAY BY DAY.

OUR HAPPINESS IN THIS WORLD DEPENDS ON THE AFFECTIONS WE ARE ABLE TO INSPIRE.—*Duchess de Praslin.*

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

The *Tango* maru departing for Australia yesterday carried among others, Dr. R. H. Fletcher, Mrs. A. C. Mack, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr.

Thieves yesterday entered No. 77 Leighton Hill Road, and stole money and property to the value of \$118, belonging to the tenants of the third floor.

The Colony's health return for yesterday shows three cases of typhoid fever, two of small-pox and one of cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

A Chinese was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, as a result of an accident on the *Praya East*, where he was knocked down by a motor-car.

The *s.s. Sourabaya Maru* from the Straits reports the death of a deck passenger at midnight on March 20th. The body was buried at sea on Tuesday.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, the Cathedral Organist, assisted by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, (Soprano), on Friday, March 25th, at 5.45 p.m.—*Adv.*

This morning's Harbour Office returns showed 16 arrivals and 17 departures, British vessels returning four and three respectively. There were 62 vessels in harbour at 9 a.m. of which number 22 were British.

The Inspecting Ordnance Officer will prove one-inch cartridges (with coloured star) at Stonecutter's on Friday, March 25th, announces a Notice to Mariners issued at the Harbour Office this morning.

A Chinese was injured in the head yesterday when he made a hurried attempt to alight from a moving tramcar on Des Voeux Road West. He was removed in an unconscious state to the Government Civil Hospital.

Passengers departed for America-via-Shanghai by *s.s. President Cleveland*, included Mrs. L. H. and Mr. C. A. McKelvey, Revd. and Mrs. F. Kurtz, Dr. M. A. Virnich, Mrs. E. L. Matteson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ellis and Master U. and Miss S. Ellis.

City Kuomintang in the provincial districts are strictly forbidden to interfere in any cases dealing with money, property and bequests, according to a notification issued by the Kwantung Provincial Kuomintang. The notification says that such cases should be handled by the Government Judicial Courts, and not by the Kuomintang.

One of the patients admitted into the Kowloon Hospital during yesterday was a Chinese, who was injured by diving headlong, it is stated, into a dried-up nullah near the No. 5 Railway Bridge, on the mainland. The man is suffering from a lapse of his reason. Another Chinese was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, after having jumped into the Harbour from the *Praya*, near the Star Ferry Wharf.

REGINALD DENNY.

A HUMOROUS PICTURE AT THE STAR.

Reginald Denny tried to demonstrate graphically that it doesn't pay to break a promise and he proves his point at the Star Theatre, where "What Happened to Jones," is now showing, with Denny starring in the title role.

This amazing young man is tireless, it seems. His progress through the picture is one hilarious triumph. Every time he appears in a scene, it is accompanied by a roar of laughter from the audience and as the star is almost continuously on the screen, the picture is one long succession of outbursts by the fans.

It is true that a comedian's troubles on the screen are funny, then Denny corals his share of chuckles.

He plays the part of a rich, young manufacturer of bibles who finds himself, through no fault of his own, in difficulties with the police. The picture is taken up by his frantic efforts to escape the authorities and save his name from scandal. Incidentally, he has to combine his attempts to clear himself, with the difficult task of reclaiming his fiancée who has "given him the air."

SUNNING PIRACY.

THE BLUEBELL'S CAPTURE.

Further evidence of identification was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the trial of the two remaining prisoners charged in connection with the Sunning piracy was continued before Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice.

Mr. H. K. Holmes is prosecuting for the Crown and Mr. C. G. Alabaster is defending.

Lieut. E. W. Thurston, of H.M.S. *Bluebell*, who went on board the Sunning with an armed party of marines, said that thirteen Chinese were handed over to his charge. The second prisoner was one of those men.

Surgeon Lieut. W. J. Rankine, also of the *Bluebell*, said that after leaving the Sunning, the *Bluebell* sighted a rowing boat in which were ten men. Nine of them climbed on to the *Bluebell* by means of a rope ladder, but the tenth jumped into the sea and was lost, although efforts were made to save him. No. 1 prisoner was one of the nine, and had been wounded in the neck.

Replying to Mr. Alabaster witness said the first prisoner had only \$1 on him when searched. He had been wounded in the back of the neck.

Mr. F. E. Ellis, a Master at Arms on board H.M.S. *Bluebell*, said he took a fully loaded revolver, together with some loose ammunition from the boat. There were about four hundred coins in the bottom of the boat. He could not identify either of the prisoners.

Prisoners' Denials.

Statements made by the prisoners when charged were read by a sergeant interpreter. No. 1 was stated to have said he travelled as a passenger and was struck by the pirates out of revenge as he had previously raided their den and killed some of their men. The second stated he was returning to the country after an unsuccessful effort to find his son.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, gave evidence of identification parades being held when both prisoners were picked out. He said the two men were among those handed to him from the *Bluebell*.

In reply to Mr. Alabaster, witness said that Captain Pringle and Chief Officer Beatty, attended identification parades prior to the January trial, when both made wrong identifications.

Detective Sub-Inspector Lane also testified to the two prisoners being among those who were handed over to the police.

Statements made by the prisoners at the Central Magistracy were then read in which No. 1 said he had been wrongly identified, and added that he took no part in the piracy. In his statement the second prisoner also denied that he took part in the affair.

The case was adjourned until 2.15 this afternoon, when the defence will be opened.

NEW RESERVOIRS.

TWO MORE FOR CANTON.

Two reservoirs are to be constructed in Tung Shan and Honam to improve the public water-supply and to facilitate the work of the fire-brigades in case of fire, says the *Canton Gazette*. The Water Works Company will be instructed to have these storage reservoirs ready within three months' time.

The proposal was submitted at the Municipal Council by Tung Yin-wah, Commissioner of Public Safety, who pointed out that the average time of water supply for residents in Tung Shan is only one hour each day, which is insufficient. He also recalled that cholera prevailed in Honam last year, and the mortality was due largely to the lack of pure water for the citizens who were compelled to drink water drawn direct from the river without first going through the process of filtering.

CAR SMASH.

MISHAP IN NEW TERRITORIES.

Swerving to avoid collision with a lorry, it is stated, a hire motor car broke through the concrete railing of a bridge and collided with a tree, on the main road in the Un Long district, New Territories, yesterday.

The car was badly smashed, but the driver beyond a few bruises, escaped serious injuries.

In a report which he has since made to the police, the driver states that while driving near the Ping-shan Police Station he was overtaken by a goods lorry which, on approaching a narrow bridge, endeavoured to pass his car on the right hand side. The consequence was that, to avoid a collision, he had to swerve to one side and unavoidably ran his car into and unavailing. This gave way, and the car ran into the tree.

The Very Idea!

A good story is told of a pawky old Scot who, like many others, finds himself rather short of cash at his bankers just now.

His account was \$60-overdrawn, and the banker rung him up on the telephone to tell him about it and to suggest that he had better bring it down a bit or clear it altogether.

"Oh aye," replied the pawky one. "I'm \$60 short am I? Well, you just took up an' tell me how ma account stood in June?"

"Oh," the banker said, "you were all right then, you had \$250 to your credit."

"Aye, and did I ring you up in June," was the caustic rejoinder.

A lot of people say, "I do." It's just a lot of rot. Cause afterwards you find they should.

Have merely said, "Do not."

A race of primitive Bushmen has been found in the great Kalahari desert of South Africa. At the approach of a stranger, even of their own colour, these Bushmen run for miles. If taken by surprise they burrow into the sand and hide themselves. Scientists declare them to be the most primitive race of all time, and the world's shyest people.

The astonishing claim has been made that every citizen of Montpellier is entitled to call himself baron.

It is stated that in 1537 the Baron de Caravette, who lived in Montpellier, bequeathed his title and estates to the city. Hence, it is argued, every child born in the city may adopt the title. A society will be formed to protect this right.

Willesden magistrate to despatch wife: You must supply your husband's address for service of summons. You are not Mrs. Christie, and we cannot concentrate all police resources on your case.

Nottingham woman: I kept her at arm's length with a clothes prop!

Wife at Willesden: I have only seen my husband once in a month, and then he criticised me as he passed by.

Man summoned at Tottenham for not having a motor driving licence: I plead guilty. I had great provocation. It went clean out of my mind.

Man at Willesden: I have no questions to ask my wife, but I should like to ask that chap (the solicitor) a tidy few.

It was very difficult to get a view of the Victorian ankle.—Mr. A. J. Munnings.

You cannot give a message till you have got one to give.—Prof. H. Werthington.

In England, to be a cad is the sin for which there is no forgiveness.—Dean Inge.

A baby is a whole-time job.—Miss Storm Jameson.

A mother's choice of a novel for her daughter is rather difficult to-day.—Dr. Edward Lytton.

If history is to be made of the little-tattle of the Upper Tooting tea-tables, it might be better that history should not be written at all.—Mr. Justice Avory.

I am not the greatest tenor in the world.—Mr. John McCormack.

I never like that word "impossible"—Prof. H. Littlejohn.

The modern employer wants to pay as high a wage as the industry will bear.—Mr. W. L. Hitchens.

How about the camera as an instrument of torture?—Mrs. Catherine Masters.

Once upon a time, story has it, Dame Nellie Melba was crossing the Atlantic. She was to sing at a ship's concert and went with an officer down into the hold to get some music from her baggage. A hydrant was found open which had been gushing for hours right into all of Dame Melba's baggage. Her famous opal dress was nothing but a wisp of sodden tissue, and the opals were loose in the bottom of the trunk.

Charles T. Spedding, famous purser of this particular vessel which has carried its share of the world's celebrities, and who has now written his "Reminiscences of Transatlantic Travellers," reports that Melba simply said, "I hope no one gets into trouble over this. No one shall hear of it from me."

Captains E. R. G. Evans, C. B., D. S. O., R. N., and G. Campbell, V. C., D. S. O., E. N., have been awarded Good Service pensions of \$150 a year, in the vacancies created by the promotion of Captain W. M. Kerr, C. B., E. N., D. C., and Captain H. P. Douglas, C. M. G., A. D. C., to flag rank on Jan. 24 and Feb. 1, Capt. Evans, of the Antarctic, the Broke, and the Hong Moh rescue, will be well remembered here.

IN A RED CITY.

HOW THE PEOPLE SUFFER.

KWANGSI CONDITIONS.

Writing to the *Telegraph* under the heading "Life in a Red City," a correspondent in Kwangsi says:

This description does not necessarily imply anything particularly lurid. In a scarlet fever case there may be areas of skin apparently of normal colour. It is in such an area that I pass the time.

They are pulling down the city wall, and paving the streets with the bricks. We are tired of sieges. It matters not two hoots to any normal inhabitant who wins these civil wars. The result is always the same. So why have a wall to prolong the agony? Let the invader come in without this unnecessary delay. He is as good (or bad) a man as anyone else.

Moscow Tricks.

Instructors have come from Canton, and taught us all the latest Moscow tricks. Labour Unions have been formed, with minimum wages and other rules. But, unfortunately, these gentlemen who assured us that these new formulae were rare and refreshing fruit, beautifully packed in Russia, for our consumption, did not bring any money for the labourers. This was a pity because employers cannot afford to build new houses at these rates; and the masons and carpenters are idle, and their wives and children have to go without.

The shopkeepers' assistants formed a Union too; and presented their demands—failing acceptance of which there was to be a general strike. The shopkeepers replied:—"We don't quarrel with your terms; you are welcome to them; but we find we can manage quite well with the assistance of our families and our friends. Farewell!" So there are still more men out of work. Nobody wants them now.

Money is so hard to get that those who possess silver have buried it. Where? Nobody knows.

The New Fashion.

I suppose this condition of affairs must be general throughout China; for I notice that a new fashion has come in everywhere. We don't now say "Kill the foreigner." That cry is out of date. The prominent idea is to possess his possessions. Get him away if possible, however, and then he won't see who has taken them. Otherwise there may be trouble later. Anyway risk it!

When the Mission House was looted, here, the missionaries were conveniently away. When they came back there was nothing left for them. The visitors who look the things couldn't remove the glass from the windows or carry off the ceiling. So they broke both up. No-one interfered and no trouble has followed.

The Labour Unions were circulated about some "decapitations in Shanghai." The notice stated that a number of students and workers had been beheaded, and would up by asking what the unions were "going to do about it?" They forgot to state whether it was the foreigners or the Chinese in Shanghai who were guilty. That's a pity, as when it comes to "doing" something, it is rather important to know.

Join the Brigands!

A great deal of land is going out of cultivation in the country. The soil is good and irrigation available; but what's the use of raising crops if the bandits either kill you, and run off with all your possessions, or else hold the roads between your farm and the city and leave you no chance of getting the crop to market? It's safer to abandon everything, and join the brigands. So they say.

On every vacant piece of wall they have painted, in big blue characters, the items of Sun Yat-sen's Will. It looks very nice; but people don't read these characters. They are mostly concerned about where they are going to get their next meal from.

There has been some talk about the British Army at Shanghai; but that excitement is dying down. It is said that the soldiers are not there to fight. It is best to be careful, however. Up till now, it has been so pleasant for China. The Chinese could do what they liked with foreigners. "We have one very good talker who can talk things over afterwards. But now, that there are all those foreign guns, talking may not prove so useful. We feel that we shall have to be very careful. Nothing seems to happen now." That is what my friends say and they add that the War is only an affair between Chinese and Chinese, and has nothing to do with foreigners. They used not to talk like that.

THE SAAR.

TERMS OF L. O. N. AGREEMENT.

London, March 23.

Questioned regarding the Agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations respecting the international railway police force for the Saar, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that the report of the Saar Governing Commission recommended that there should be placed at its disposal a Railway Defence Force of 800 men for the exclusive purpose of safeguarding transit and transport through the Saar territory and that in the case of necessity it should be able to call in two battalions of French troops from outside territory.

The League Council adopted on March 12th a resolution that the organisation proposed by the Governing Commission should be put into effect within a maximum delay of three months and, therefore, the troops stationed in the territory of the Saar would be withdrawn within that period. The Railway Defence could only take action affecting the population under exceptional circumstances. The strength of 800 men indicated for this force represented the maximum. Should the Governing Commission think a reduction of this number possible it was entitled to take the necessary measures to that effect without being obliged previously to refer the matter to the Council.—*British Wireless.*

A DOUBLE DOSE.

ONCE BITTEN BUT NOT SHY.

Some confusion reigned in Major C. Willson's Court this morning, when two police officers claimed the same defendant in a charge of louting for motor-car hire, as being their man.

On investigation, it was discovered that the defendant was arrested twice, being first taken into custody by an Indian Traffic Sergeant, and having bailed himself out, was again, at a later hour, arrested by Sergeant Dixon for a repetition of the offence.

The trouble he gave to the Court this morning, was caused by his giving a different name on each occasion.

The Indian also charged the man with breaking his traffic stick during a struggle, but this charge was dismissed after the Magistrate had examined the broken end and had decided that the damage resulted from faulty carpenter's work.

Defendant was convicted and a fine of \$10 was imposed in each case, with alternatives of 14 days' hard labour.

BALKAN SITUATION.

CONSIDERABLY EASED.

London, Mar. 23. Diplomatic conversations upon the Adriatic situation are proceeding in Shanghai. The notice stated that a number of students and workers had been beheaded, and would up by asking what the unions were "going to do about it?" They forgot to state whether it was the foreigners or the Chinese in Shanghai who were guilty. That's a pity, as when it comes to "doing" something, it is rather important to know.

In British circles, the Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister's statement welcoming an impartial inquiry into the facts is regarded as considerably easing the situation and there is a disposition to favour such investigation on the spot by military experts.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain said his information did not lead him to think that recourse to the League of Nations would be necessary.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day emphatically denied that the British Government had made any approaches to the Italian Government with a view to inducing the latter to ratify the Treaty of Paris of 1920, relative to Bessarabia.—*British Wireless.*

HEALTH PROMOTION.

MEDICAL OFFICERS VISIT ENGLAND.

London, Mar. 23. A party of foreign medical officers visiting England under the auspices of the Health Section of the League of Nations will be assembled in London to-morrow having completed an intensive course of study while attached to the provincial health departments. Before they leave for a final conference at Geneva in two days' time they will visit various sanitary organisations in the metropolis and will inspect the London County Council's schemes for housing and slum clearance.—*British Wireless.*

WORTHLESS NOTE.

A TRICK THAT WORKED.

Traffickers in counterfeit banknotes brought off a good coup yesterday.

The first step in the plan was the renting of a vacant shop at No. 196, Praya East. Here, they caused to be delivered, yesterday afternoon, a large order for piece goods, valued at \$519, from a shop at No. 162, Wellington Street. Payment was promised on delivery, and was effected at the Praya East premises with a note of \$500 denomination, and the remainder in smaller notes. They all appeared to be genuine to the shop foki who delivered the goods.

It was not until the foki had returned to Wellington Street, that it was discovered that he had accepted a forged \$500 bill, which was no better than wastepaper. Practically the whole lot rushed back to the Praya East premises, only to find, of course, that the culprits had vanished, and with them the merchandise they had succeeded in obtaining by their trick.

NO FIREWORKS.

PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY RESULTS IN FINE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, Chan Wo, master of the steam launch Tong Fat, was charged with (a) discharging fireworks from his launch without permission at 1.45 p.m. on March 16 and (b) failing to observe the rule of the road.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$3 with the alternative of three days' imprisonment with hard labour on the first charge, and \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment with hard labour on the second charge.

HOUSE THIEVES.

CAUGHT STEALING GAS FITTINGS.

Major C. Willson this morning sentenced three Chinese to three weeks' hard labour each on their pleading guilty to a charge of stealing gas fittings from an unoccupied house in Queen's Road Central, which formerly was the Fire Brigade station.

It appears that at the time the police entered the house, five men were actually at work on the premises but they took to their heels when they saw the police. One man was caught and, on information given by this man, two others were arrested.

WANG CHING-WEI.

RETURN TO POLITICS REQUESTED.

A huge open air mass meeting was held at the Sun Yat-sen University, Canton, yesterday to demonstrate "public support" for Mr. Wang Ching-wei, whose return is anxiously awaited by the Canton extremists.

Nearly one hundred thousand students and labourers took part in the demonstration. It was decided to send emissaries, Messrs. Hsu Tien-hsin and Chang Hin-sing, to invite Wang to return.

GENERAL "DISMISSED."

SENT TO RUSSIA TO STUDY.

Gen. Chen Ming-shiu, one of Chiang Kai-shek's keenest adherents, recently dismissed by the Hankow extremists, is reported to be leaving for Nanchang. According to Kuomintang newspapers he is to go to Russia to study military conditions.

General Chen's army is entrusted to General Tai Chin, one of his divisional commanders. Chang Fat-kwei, an extremist, is now the Defence Commander of the Wuhan cities.

ROPE COMPANY.

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adoption of the report and accounts, and this was carried.

Mr. Keith proposed and Mr. Gardner seconded that Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Allan Cameron be re-elected to the Consulting Committee. This was carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. Pignatelli, seconded by Mr. Tavnir.

There was no other business.

FRANKLIN'S ROD.

LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR GIFT TO NEW YORK.

New York.—Part of the lightning rod set up on St. Paul's Cathedral in 1770 on the advice of Benjamin Franklin has been presented to the trustees of the Museum of Peaceful Arts here. It is 10½ in. long and weighs 9½ lb.

In an interesting letter accompanying the gift Mr. E. J. Bolwell, clerk of the works at St. Paul's, writes:—

"Lightning conductors 'did not seem to be in vogue at the time St. Paul's was completed, but somewhere about 1770 Benjamin Franklin was called in to advise on the matter."

The system appeared to be that existing metal work between the ground level and the cross should simply be connected up by means of rod iron. The specimen piece which you have taken from a position between the ball supporting the cross and the lead dome.

A ring of rod was fixed around the lantern, inside, and various tappings were taken downward from this, and passed through openings in the wall and then connected with the dome. The points of each length were halved together and bolted through.

The system of conductors now is very complete, and is composed of 1 x ½-in. copper tape taken down from the ball at four different points direct to earth without any breaks.

Franklin's Account.

When the dome of St. Paul's was fitted with a new lightning conductor last year, *The Daily Chronicle* is informed, many Americans expressed a wish to purchase pieces of Franklin's rod, but were refused by the authorities of the Cathedral.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Yingchow	March 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	March 25.
Straits	Teesta	March 25.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London 24th February)	Gogri	March 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	March 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	March 28.
Japan	St. Albans	March 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Macedonia	April 1.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	April 3.
Australia and Manila	Aprura	April 4.
Japan and Shanghai	Antenor	April 6.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	April 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Haiiphong	Esther Dollar	Thurs., Mar. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Nittaga Maru	Thurs., Mar. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Thurs., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Janus	Fri., Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Haiiphong and Saigon	Teon	Fri., Mar. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa	Sourabaya Maru	Fri., Mar. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikembang Frj.	Fri., Mar. 25, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Mar. 25, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Kutsang	Fri., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Sat., Mar. 26, Registration 8.45 a.m., Letters 9.30 a.m.
Manila	Eolbeck	Sat., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Tjileboet	Sat., Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Welhaiwei	Kuechow	Sat., Mar. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fooksang	Sat., Mar. 26, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hoan Maru Sun	Sat., Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwangchow Sun	Sat., Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Bingo Maru Mon.	Sat., Mar. 28, 10.30 a.m.
S. & S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Paul, Leant	Tues., Mar. 29, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwongzang	Tues., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Holching	Wed., Mar. 30, 1 p.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	Thurs., Mar. 31, 2 p.m.
Batavia	Tjilalak	Fri., April 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Fri., Apr. 1, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., Apr. 2, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Antenor	Wed., April 6, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Sun., April 10, 8.30 p.m.

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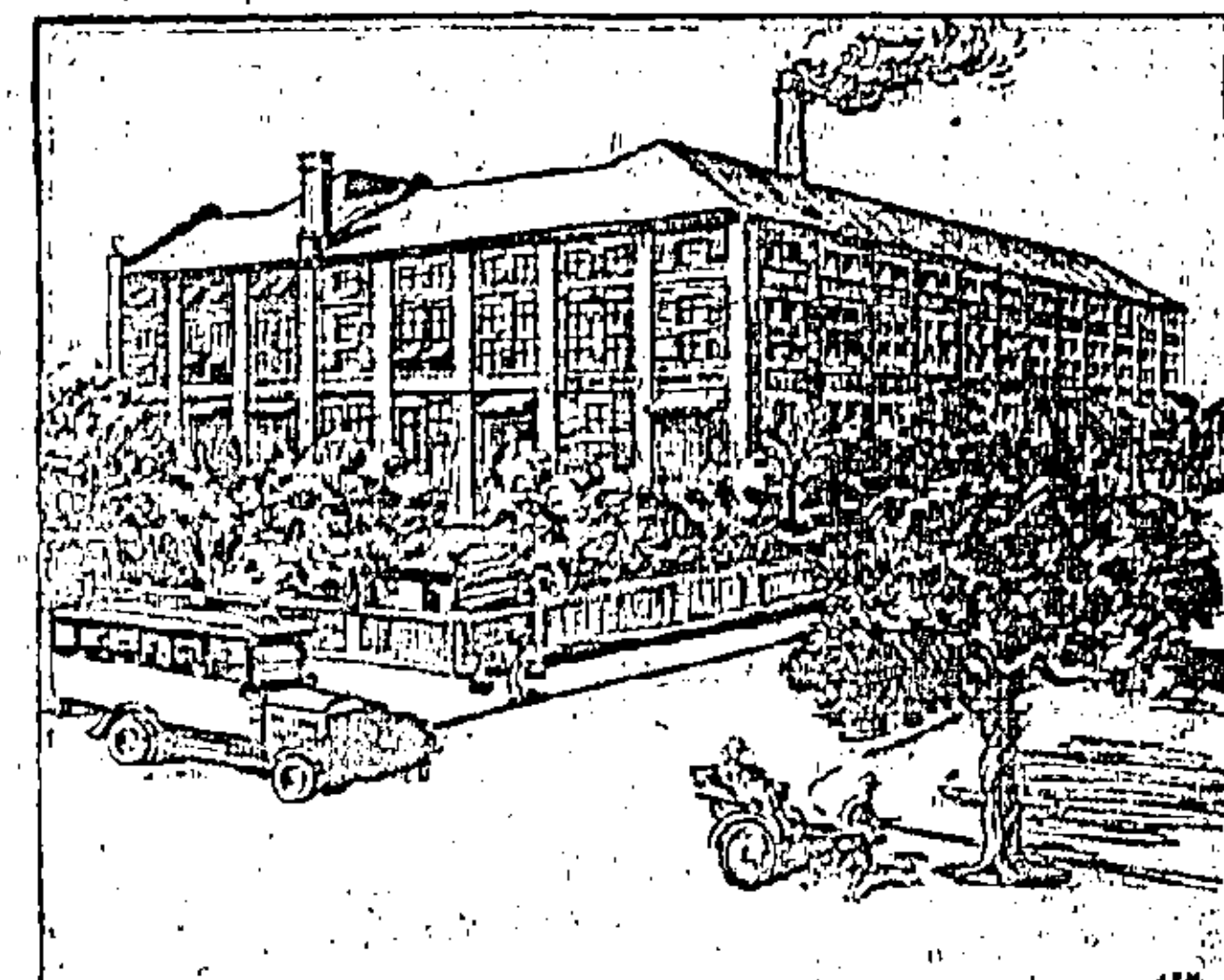
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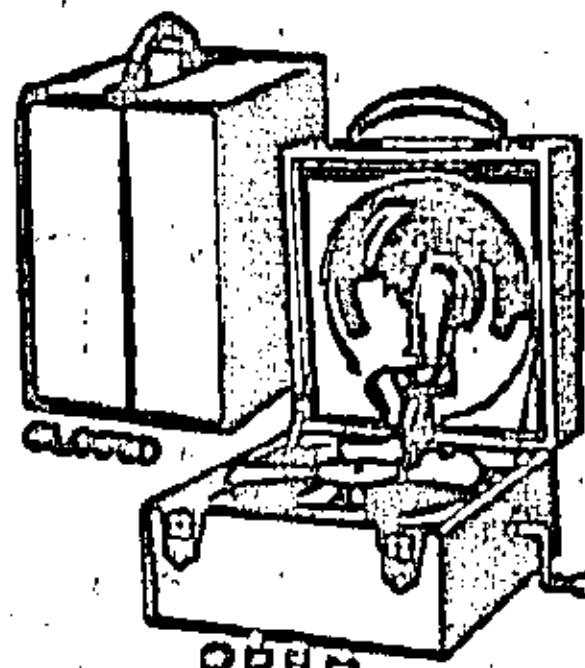
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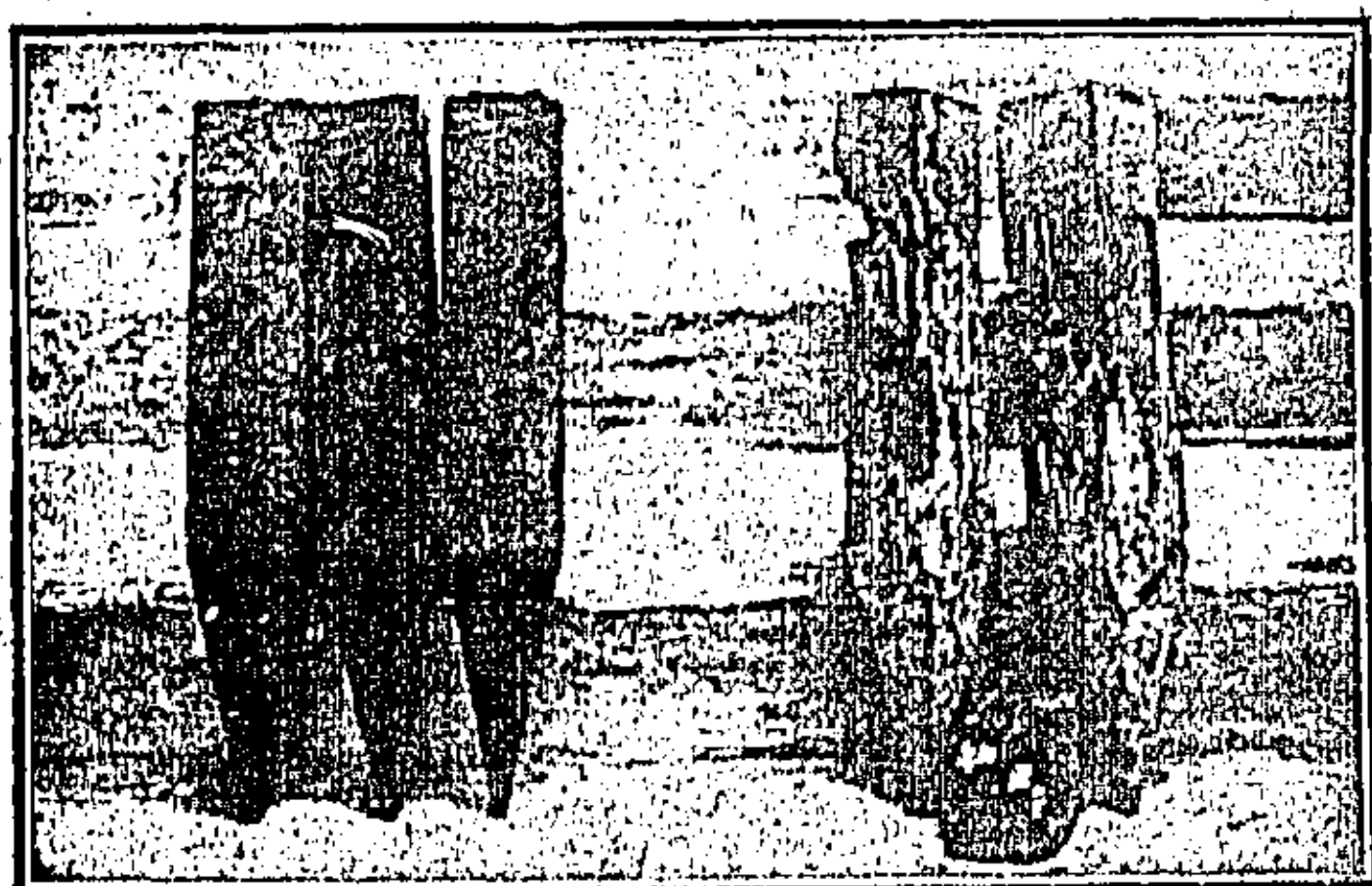
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Radio Engineers has concluded an
agreement at Brussels with the
Russian delegates for a redistribu-
tion of high-powered station wave-
lengths in Europe says Central

A resolution protesting against
the inadequate facilities provided
by the L.M. and S. Railway between
Southend and London was
passed at the annual meeting of
the Southend Railway Travellers
Association.

COMPANY MEETING.

BANK OF CANTON.

The sixteenth annual general
meeting of shareholders of the
Bank of Canton, Ltd., was held at
the Bank's offices No. 6 Des Voeux
Road Central, yesterday.

Mr. Li Yuk-tong (Chairman of
the Board of Directors) presided,
and was supported by Messrs. Li
Po-kwai, Li Sing-kui, Li Yik-mui,
Ng Yee-hon, Ng Yew-ting, Tam
Woon-tong, Tsang Yaw-ting, Choy
Chong, Chan Fu-cheung, Lam Woo
(Directors) and Mr. Li Tsze-
chung (Sub-Manager). Share-
holders present were Messrs. Ma
Ying-pui, Yuen Sing-kam, Lam
Hon-ping, Kwa Eng-lee, Leung
Yuk-shan, Quan Shu-john and
several others.

Following the reading of the
notice convening the meeting, the
Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the
Report and Statement of Accounts
have been in your hands for some
time and with your permission we
will follow the usual procedure
and take them as read. The pro-
fit for the year, including the sum
of \$18,733.12 balance brought for-
ward from last account, and after
paying all charges and writing
off bad and doubtful debts,
amounts to \$1,233,598.26, which
we have for appropriation. With
this we propose to deal as follows:
To transfer to the Re-

serve Fund \$150,000.00
To transfer to the Re-
serve for bad and
doubtful debts 300,000.00
To write off Furniture,
Fixtures and Vaults
account 4,748.26
To Branches Organisa-
tion account 124,848.87
To pay Dividend at 6%
per annum 519,824.52
To pay Bonus to Direc-
tors and Staff 72,465.70
To carry forward to
next account 61,715.91

Capital Conversion.

The conversion of our sterling
capital into silver has been effec-
ted in accordance with the Resolu-
tions passed at the Extraordinary
General Meeting on the 23rd Octo-
ber 1926 and confirmed at a simi-
lar meeting on the 10th November
1926. I am glad to be able to
report that the Bank's business
for the year under review is con-
sidered as satisfactory in face of
the abnormal conditions prevail-
ing. I think there is nothing
further that calls for comment and
I now beg to propose the adoption
of the Report and Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December 1926. When this has
been seconded I shall be pleased
to answer to the best of my ability
any question you may desire to

Mr. Ng Yee-hon in seconding the
proposal said:—I think all will
agree that the Report and Accounts
for 1926 show very satisfactory
results of the year's working, and
with these remarks I beg to second
the adoption of the Report and
Statement as presented.

No question was asked, and the
Resolution was put to the meeting
and the adoption of the Report
and Statement of Accounts was
carried unanimously.

Messrs. Li Po-kwai, Ng Yew-
ting, Chan Fu-cheung, Lam Woo,
Choy Siu Woon and Tam Woon-
tong retiring from the Board in
accordance with the Articles of
Association but being eligible for
re-election, offer themselves ac-
cepting. The election will take
place on the 9th proximo.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and
Fleming were re-elected Auditors
for the ensuing year at a remun-
eration of \$2,250.—by a resolution
proposed by Mr. Li Sing-kui and
seconded by Mr. Ma Ying-pui.
The Chairman announced that
dividend warrants would be ready
next week.

BIG IRON PROJECT.

\$3,500,000 SOUTH AFRICAN
CORPORATION.

Capetown.—Mr. Creswell, Min-
ister of Defence, has introduced
a Bill to promote the development
within the Union of the iron and
allied industries, under which a
South African Iron and Steel In-
dustrial Corporation will be formed
with a capital of \$3,500,000.

The corporation's capital com-
prises 2,000,000 Ordinary shares
of which the Government
will take 600,000, the remainder
being offered for public subscrip-
tion—and 1,500,000 5% Preference
shares, which will also be offered
for public subscription.

Power is given to augment this
capital by \$250,000, as well as to
raise a loan not exceeding
\$1,500,000.

The Bill provides that the re-
quirements of the South African
Railways, as far as iron and steel
are concerned, shall be bought
from the corporation at a price
not more than 10 per cent. above
the cost of the imported article.

WOMAN'S MEMOIRS.

NEW LIGHT ON "K. OF K."

"Exactly—friendly is a thou-
sand times finer than love. I
would go into the midst of a
hundred knives for a friend. I
believe love is a sham, whereas
friendship goes on for ever and
beyond."

So said Lord Kitchener, sitting
in the shadows of the tombs of
the Khalifa, outside Cairo, speak-
ing to Belle Livingstone, an
American girl who, like the
heroine of "Gentlemen Prefer
Blondes," came to Europe and
saw life.

Belle Livingstone was so enter-
taining that King Edward, then
Prince of Wales, had her invited
to a party to which he was going
in order that he might enjoy her
story-telling. She has now writ-
ten an astonishing account of her
career, which is published by John
Hamilton, Limited, under the title
"Belle of Bohemia—The Memoirs
of Belle Livingstone." It is like
"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" in
real life. The publishers an-
nounce that they held a certificate
from the authoress that the book
is true.

Belle has had four husbands.
When she went on the stage in
America her foster-father (she
was a foundling) objected to her
touring because she was not mar-
ried. She went out, selected a
likely-looking man in the street,
told him her plight, and asked him
to marry her. He did within an
hour or two, and they parted at
the church door.

Next time she met him—by
accident, in New York—he asked
him to divorce her. He did. The
next she heard of him was that
he had died and left her \$30,000.
She packed for London.

She had what the American
newspapers proclaimed as the per-
fect feminine figure—a living
Venus de Milo. When she came
to London she had an introduction
from J. B. Duke, the American
tobacco king, to a London friend,
who took her to Earl's Court Ex-
hibition.

Joint Invitation.

Ten leading financiers and min-
ing men of the moment signed an
invitation to her within a week to
dine at Willis' Rooms. They in-
cluded Whitaker, Wright, Yerkes,
John Hays Hammond, Frank Gard-
ner (then said to be one of the
seven richest men), and Horatio
Bottomley.

Lord Kitchener was one of a
party at the next table, and the two
parties joined. Eventually they
all adjourned to Belle's rooms.

"Thus," she writes, "began a
strange and unique friendship be-
tween the great soldier and myself.

In 1912, when I return-
ed to Paris after my last honey-
moon, Lord Kitchener crossed the
Channel expressly in order to
congratulate me and to meet my
new husband. This was only one
of many ways in which he proved
that if ever he took the trouble
to like a person his friendship
lasted across the years.

"Let there be no misunder-
standing, however, about my friendship
with Lord Kitchener. It was a
friendship between a man of
great brain, of great fame, and of
world-wide renown, and a Bohe-
mian who happened to be a woman
—and that was all. There was
never any question of a flirtation.
We were just friends, and this
curious friendship is perhaps my
most cherished memory.

Not a Woman Hater.

"It has been said that Kitchener
was a woman hater, but I rather
think that, as he was marching
at the head of a glorious proce-
sion of great moments, all social
life pulled upon him, while the
publicity that was always focus-
sed on him made him supersensi-
tive to any feminine ad-
vances.

She suggests that Lord Kit-
chener had an early love dis-
appointment.

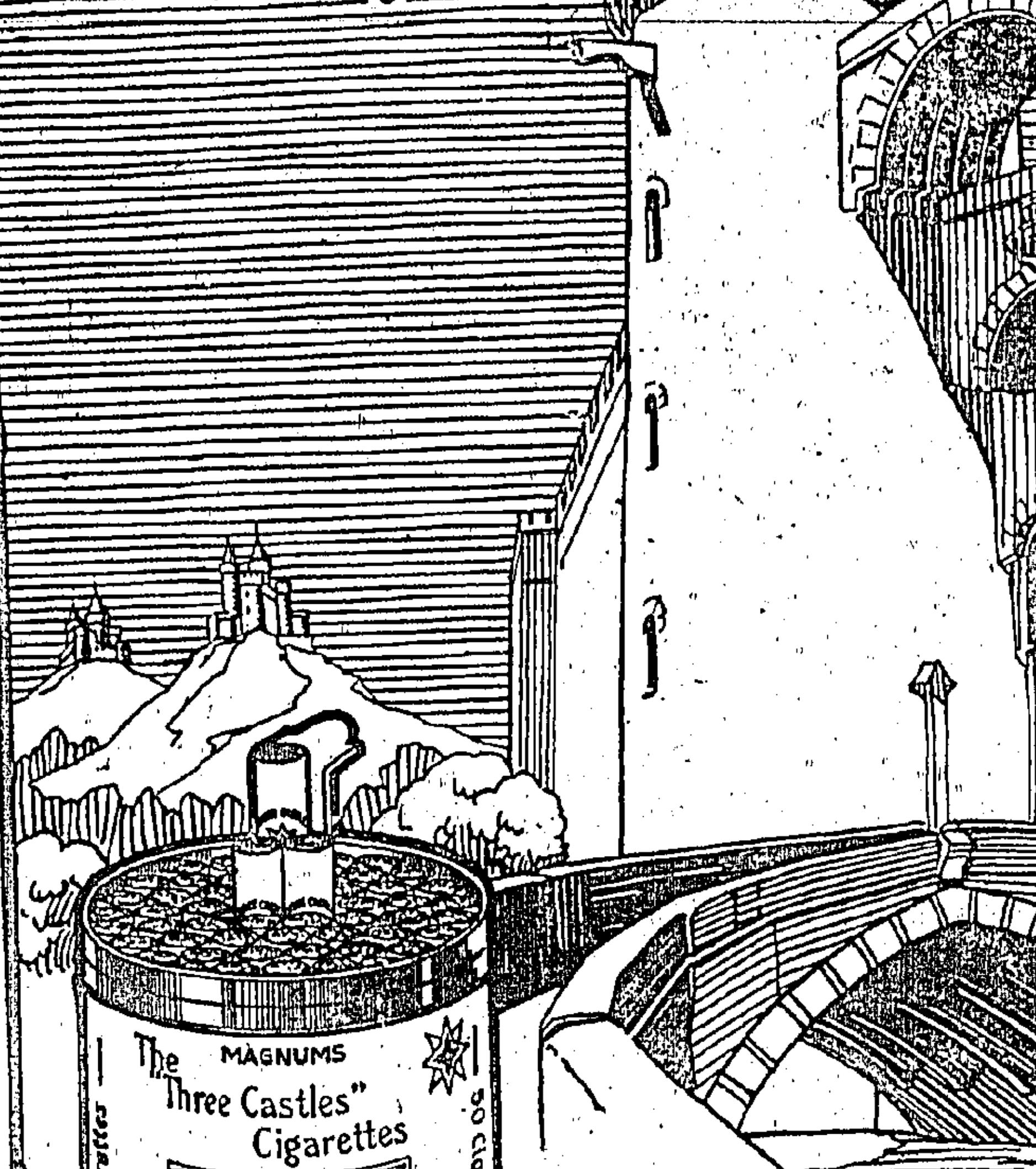
Belle lost all her money in a
party of her men friends, took a
gold-mining crash, and then, at a
party of her men friends, took a
bet of \$5,000 to \$5 that she would
travel round the world for noth-
ing.

Millionaire friends, knowing
nothing of the bet, carried her
and her chaperone to Cairo. As
soon as she arrived there she re-
ceived a mysterious message to
go to the Nile, where she would
find a dahabieh flying the Ameri-
can flag.

She went, and found that the
vessel—half-yacht and half-house-
boat—had been fitted up to resem-
ble her rooms in London, with her
favourite books lying about.

Then came a note saying that an
old friend "permits himself the
liberty of asking if he may dine
with you to-night in your boat." He
had heard that she was coming
to Egypt, and Lady William Boreas-
ford (Lady Duchess of Marl-
borough) had at his request sent
him a description of Belle's house.
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bers of the City Corporation.

There was a persistent rumour
in the City recently that Lord
Bearsted's will would provide for a
substantial donation to assist the
fund, probably to the extent of
financing the building of a new art
gallery, but the Daily Express
could obtain no confirmation of
this.

The manner in which the im-
mense fortune left by Lord Bear-
sted is to be distributed has been
kept a closely guarded secret, but
details of the will are likely to be
published soon.

Lord Bearsted served as a City
alderman for thirty-six years, and
he was Lord Mayor of London in
1902-3.

The scheme to which he had
given his support was devised by
Sir Banister Fletcher, the archi-
tect, and he said to a Daily Express
representative that it had been
under consideration by the City
Corporation for three months, and
there was every prospect that it
would be adopted.

There is no question of Sir
Banister being employed in a pro-
fessional capacity, as he is him-
self a member of the corporation,

"My scheme is to reconstruct
and dignify the principal entrance
to the Guildhall, by removing
the building at the corner of
Gresham-street," he said, "and by
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site, duplicating in the main lines
of its design the church of Law-
rence Jewry, which stands on the
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also provides for better office ac-
commodation in the Guildhall."

"I have often said that the pre-
sent accommodation is not worthy
of a small provincial town."

The question of cost has not
been gone into yet, but it is rough-
ly estimated that the scheme would
involve an expenditure of not
more than £250,000.

The following have been selected to play for the Rest against the Indians: R. C. 2nd XI, winners of second division, on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.—H. C. Burgess (Capt.), G. P. Lam-mert, D. E. G. Nicholson (H.K.C.C.), Lt. Palniet (R.N.), C. F. Alexander, A. E. Lacey (Police), L. A. R. Dun-can (K.C.C.) Pte. Loko (R.A.O.C.) B. A. Swift (Tamar), H. A. Alves (Recife), and Strang (S.C.C.).

B. connection with religious
M. has been rejected by the Pre
ent of the French Republic.

lysed in the right arm, commu-
with a stationary motor and
cyclist. The Bench suspended t
licence *sine die*.



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Apr. 20	Seattle	Gen. Washington	May 18	P'mth C'berg May 27
Apr. 26	San Francisco	Republic	May 28	P'mth C'berg June 6
May 4	Seattle	Aquitania	May 31	C'berg Sh'mp'n June 6
May 10	San Francisco	Homer	June 11	C'berg Sh'mp'n June 17
May 18	Seattle	Mauretania	June 15	P'mth C'berg June 21
May 24	San Francisco	Mauretania	June 25	C'berg Sh'mp'n July 1
June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	June 28	C'berg Sh'mp'n July 5
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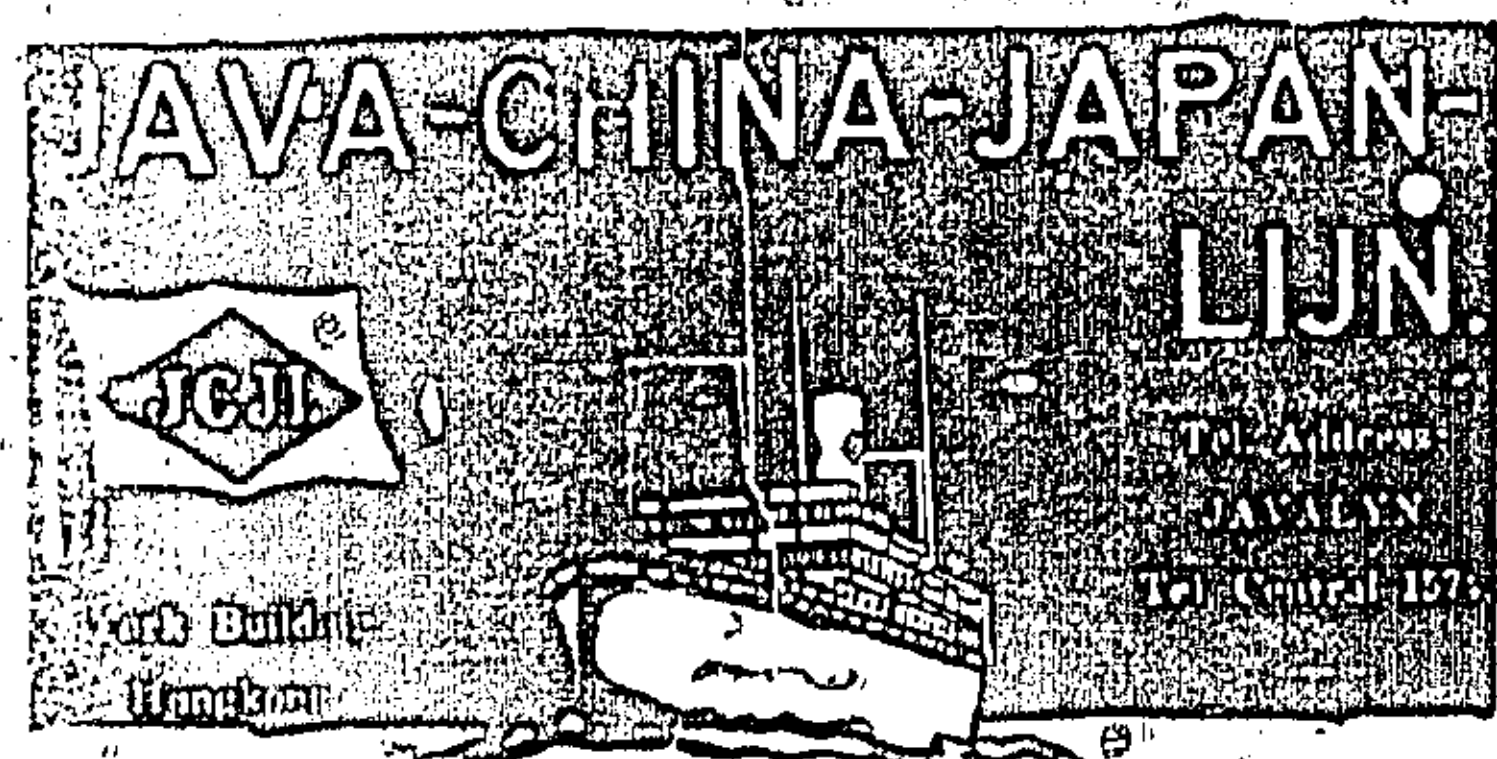
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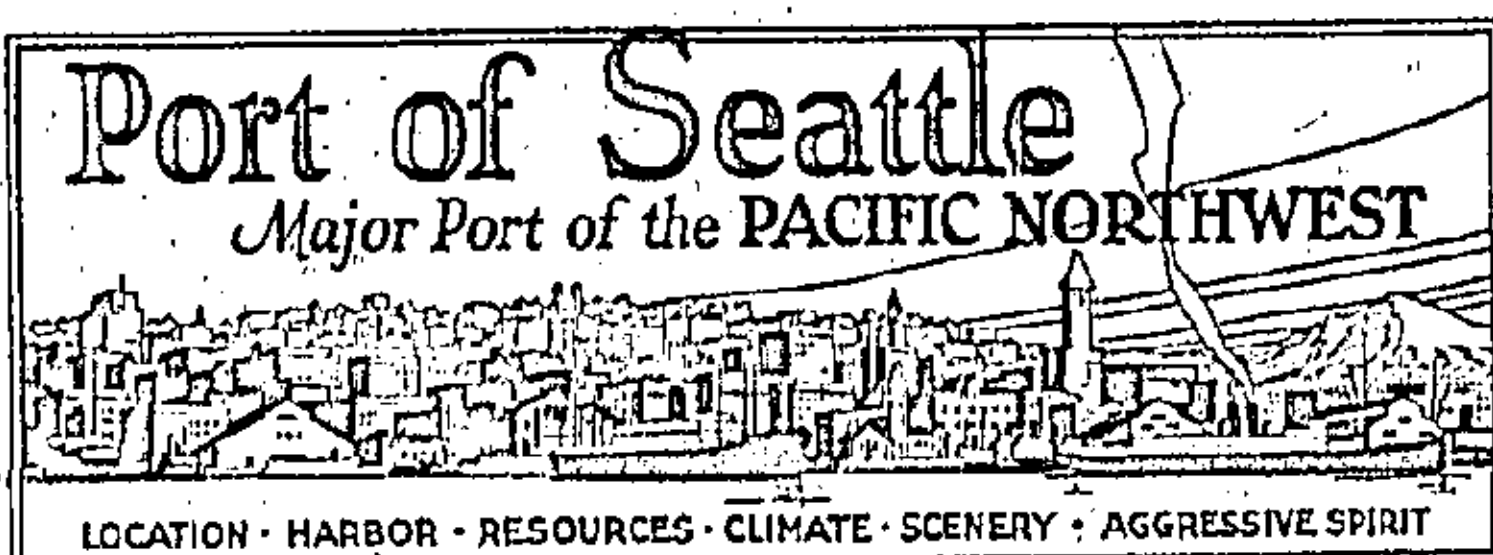
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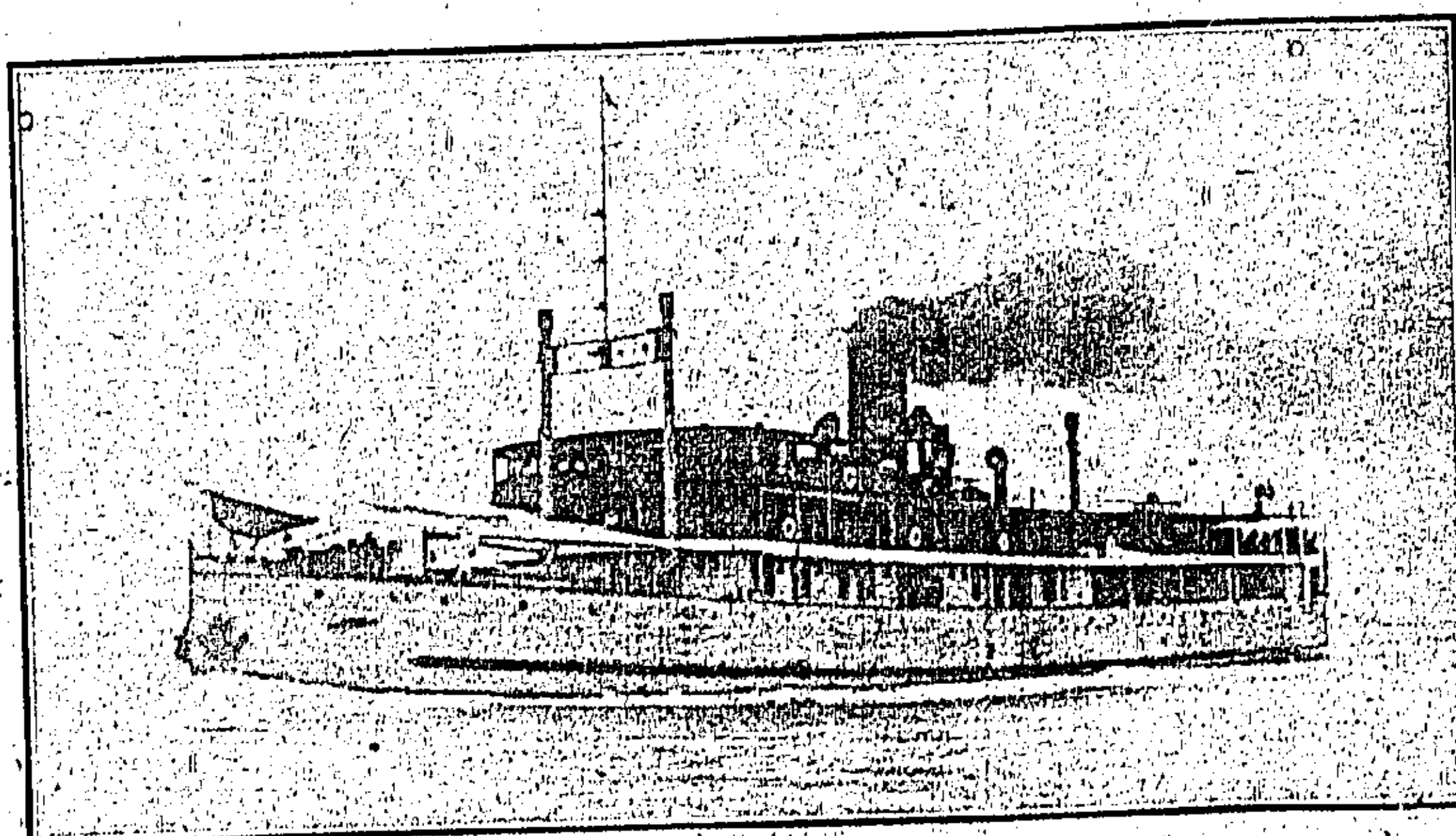
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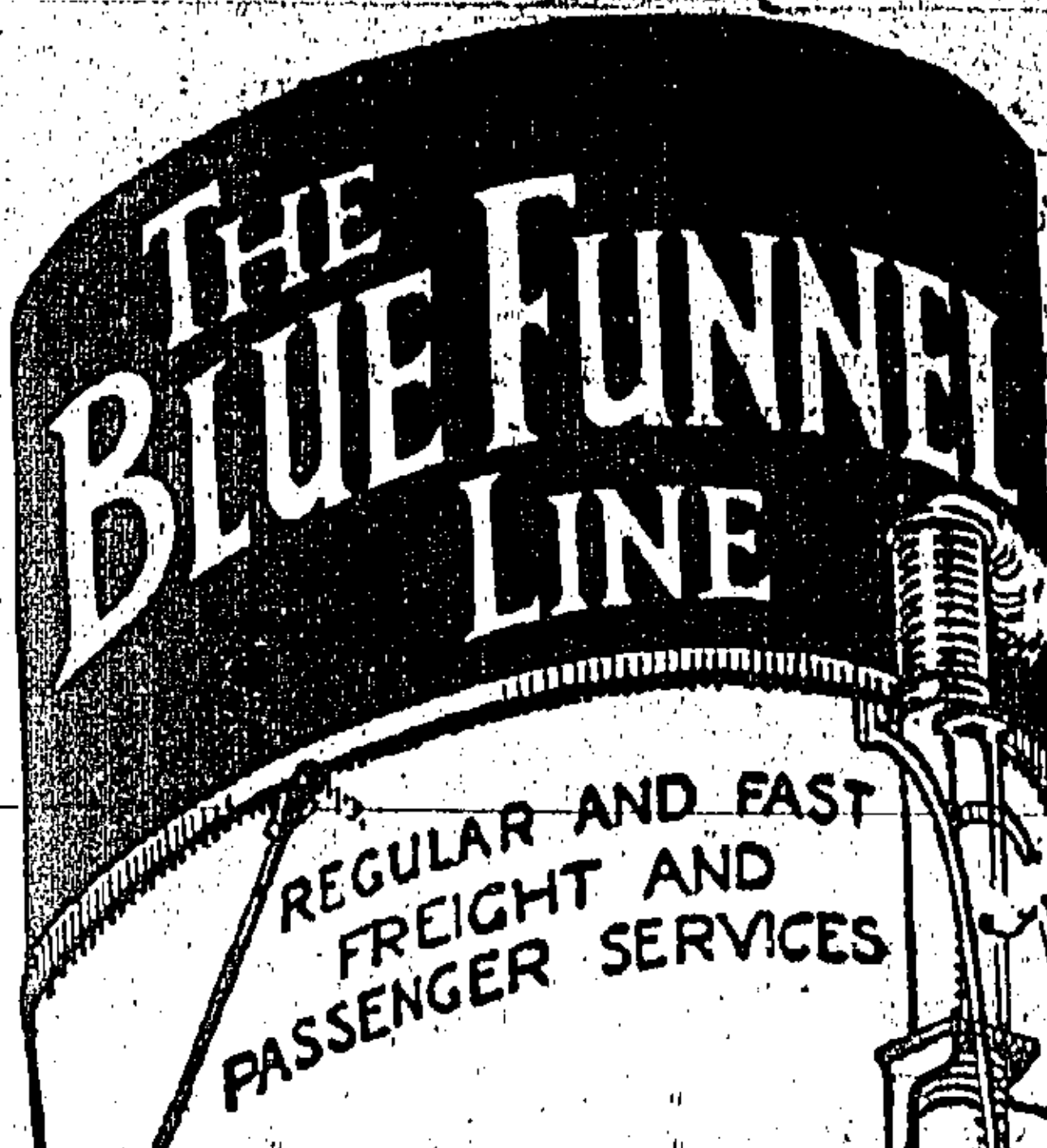
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THE PRAYER BOOK.

NEW EDITION JUST ISSUED.

London, Mar. 23.

A new edition has been issued of the revised Prayer Book, containing the changes made by the House of Bishops since the presentation of the book to the convocations on February 7.

The main feature is a preface, which, appearing for the first time, declares: "We are living in a new world. It is ours if we be true to the faith that is in us to seek and make it a better world." Also, "We do not dare to think that the book of common prayer fitted to the seventeenth century can supply the want of the twentieth."

Certain names of saints omitted from the calendar are reintroduced, including Saints Crispin, Nicholas and Catherine.

The title of the book now reads, "The book of 1662, with additions and deviations approved in 1927."

The word "permissive" is dropped. It is now decided no longer to print the Rubrics from the Prayer Book, which must be regarded as superseded and modified by new Rubrics.—*Reuter*.

RESIGNATIONS.

PEKING CABINET URGES

MINISTER TO REMAIN.

Peking, March 23.

Lo Wen-kun has resigned the posts of Minister of Justice and Tupan of Shuiwuchu.

Wang Chung-hual has resigned the vice-chairmanship of the Customs Surtax Committee and Director of Liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank. The Cabinet is urging them to remain.—*Reuter*.

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END OF SHANGHAI STRIKE.

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AMICABLE ARRANGEMENT.

Integrity of Chinkiang Concession.

Chinkiang, Mar. 23. An arrangement for the integrity of the Concession has been made with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Three thousand Cantonese troops entered the city at midnight with disturbance. The Northern forces are still holding the Silver Island Fort, while the Southerners are bringing up artillery to the Singshan Fort. The Cantonese are passing through Chinkiang in large numbers in pursuance of their attack on Nanking. —*Naval Wireless.*

LABOUR PICKETS KILLED.

Southerners Taking Action.

Nationalist troops, controlled by the Moderate general, Gen. Pei Chiang-hui, are already disarming the labour pickets in Shanghai, according to a Chinese telegram received here this morning.

When troops were sent to disarm the pickets at the Railway Station yesterday, resistance was offered and sniping went on for over half an hour before the pickets surrendered. Eight pickets were killed and seven wounded.

Although it is admitted on all hands that the labour agitators had a great deal to do with the capture of Shanghai, the Nationalist leaders, who are followers of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's party, are taking stern measures to suppress any further activity.

The Shanghai Nationalists claim to have captured Nanking on March 21st with bloodshed. (A Naval message to-day shows that to be untrue).

The Southerners also claim to have captured the Honan cities, Kaifeng and Chengchow. It is stated that General Yu Cheng, the Fengtien leader, has been killed in action.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Over 2,000 in Canton.

About 2,500 officers and soldiers of Sun Chuan-fang's Army, recently taken prisoner in the Chinkiang campaign by Nationalist troops, have been sent from Ningpo to Canton. Several hundreds of these men are now on board a China Merchants boat, the *s.s. Yu-sing*, which arrived recently at Canton and is anchoring in the river.

The men will be lodged in certain buildings at Military headquarters set aside for them temporarily. They will be sent to the Central Military and Political Academy at Whampoa for six months' training. After their course of training they will be drafted into the National Army.

COMMUNIST LITERATURE.

Skillfully Kept Within the Law.

London, March 23. The House of Lords discussed the China situation. Lord Dunsford drawing attention to recent Communist publications in Britain, in which the interests of China were entirely ignored, the real object being to injure Britain and wreck the Empire. He hoped that the Government would prosecute if the publications were criminal.

Lord Parmoor (Labour) agreed. Lord Desborough, on behalf of the Government, declared that the publications were skillfully drawn up, and kept within the law, except one inciting mutiny. But there was not sufficient evidence of authorship to warrant a prosecution.

He recalled the proposals to China leading up to the Hankow Agreement, and said the terms were still open for Mr. Eugene Chen to make a similar arrangement as regards Shanghai. The Government hoped for such, but recognised that the whole of China was in such a state of disintegration that the hands of Mr. Chen were fully occupied. —*Reuter.*

BANKERS' HOPES.

Expansion of Trade Likely.

London, Mar. 23. Presiding at the annual dinner of the British Overseas Bankers' Association in London, Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Chairman of the Association, referring to China, hoped that it was not in vain that Britain had extended the hand of Friendship and conciliation to China.

He firmly believed that when the internal strife had ended, the expansion of British trade with China would be unparalleled. Any subsequent treaty revision should embody that security for lives and property in treaty ports which foreigners might reasonably look for and on which they understood that Japan at any rate would insist. —*Reuter.*

Lord Birkenhead, responding to the toast of his health, referred to China. He said he discerned little prospect, momentarily, of a complete liquidation of the

MOSCOW TO BE BRIGHTER.

DIGNIFIED DANCES FOR BORED MASSES.

Should public dancing be allowed in Russia? Is the question which has been troubling Bolshevik chiefs for many months.

Dancing is the great Russian pastime, and when, at the end of 1921, Lenin loosened the iron grip of militant Communism and some private trading was permitted, luxurious "night restaurants" sprang up everywhere in Moscow for the "new profiteers," but in the winter of 1925-4 the authorities reacted, and closed all Moscow dance halls except a few semi-private "cabarets" exclusively reserved for foreigners—business men, diplomats, and journalists—whose souls are not considered worth saving.

Senior members of the Administration have now told the "Communist kill-joys" that "Russia is bored," and that the boredom of the masses is bad for their morals, and has led to hooliganism.

It has led sometimes, they point out, to the overthrow of governments.

Comrade Tomski, member of the "Political Bureau" and grand master of the trade unions, announced a few days ago that workers' clubs must be "brightened," and that dancing therein will be permitted shortly.

He has not lost, however, his pretensions to regulate public taste according to the teaching of Karl Marx, for he added: "Of

STRAITS GOVERNOR.



Sir Laurence Guillemard, who will be relinquishing the post of Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of Malaya on the appointment of Sir Hugh Clifford (Governor of Ceylon) thereto.

course, nothing so immoral as the Charleston or the bourgeois fox-trot can possibly be allowed. What we need is polkas.

"New dances are being written for you," said Tomski to the workers, "replete with the dignity of labour and devoid of outworn, bourgeois sentimentality: decent rhythmic dances, suggesting the chaste movements of the machines in our beloved proletarian factories."

The first person to offer new "proletarian" dances was a misguided young woman who wrote one "symbolising the union of peasants and workers," based on the hand-shake, and another, which approximated to Sir Roger de Coverley, featuring the "triumph of the red workers of Western Europe."

Nicolaï Foregger, the ablest of the young Russian producers of stage dancing, was then commissioned to make the attempt.

He showed me the first of his new dances. It is somewhat reminiscent of an old French "galop," terrifically energetic and entirely bereft of political symbolism. I doubt whether it will please Comrade Tomski, who cannot like *joie de vivre*.

This and four other of Foregger's creations, if licensed, are to be danced by the public during February when the first Moscow public ball room will be opened in the great foyer of the "Second State Circus" to the strains of the new Russian jazz band.

situation, which must precede the restoration of normal conditions. He knew of nobody, however, experienced in Chinese affairs, who would venture to attempt a clear and confident prediction regarding what was likely to happen in China during the next few years, the next few months or even the next few weeks. It was known, of course, that there is behind the recent disturbances—and particularly the menacing movement in the Nationalist Armies—elements not native to China which had little in common with the ancient philosophic spirit of China and still less with its practical spirit of commercial common-sense. —*Reuter.*

THE BIAS BAY EXPEDITION.

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On landing, the covering parties had been sent to surround the villages to be dealt with.

During the operations the neighbouring hillsides were crowded with Chinese watching what was going on. No opposition was offered.

Just before the expedition, re-embarked at 10.30 a.m. a few of the villagers filtered back to the sentries. They were given copies of the explanatory notices by members of the Hongkong Police.

There was no opposition, neither were there any casualties on either side. Re-embarkation began at 10.30 a.m. and the landing parties reached their ships shortly before 2 p.m. The expedition then returned to Hongkong, reaching the harbour about 6.30 p.m.

The wind was from the sea to the shore and the smoke from the burning villages went up to the sky and must have conveyed its lesson for miles around.

Pirates in District.

It is worthy of note that the expedition was carried out with the knowledge that some of the pirates who took part in other piracies were from the districts which came within the sphere of operations. Two of these pirates who took part in the Seang Bee affair were from Kwai Chau village and of eight from the group of Hai Chau village, five were concerned in the Hong Hwa piracy of January, 1925, and two in the Tungchow piracy of December, 1925, in which Capt. Mackintosh was severely wounded and later succumbed.

One of the objects of the expedition, also, was to recover, if possible, the five Chinese passengers who had been seized for ransom from the Seang Bee, and from a statement made by the only Chinese questioned during the expedition it was apparent that these five were somewhere in the vicinity.

No Co-operation.

Many attempts have been made by the Hongkong Government to secure the co-operation of the Canton authorities in an expedition of this character and, although the latter have readily professed their willingness to render such co-operation, they have, so far, made no attempt whatever in this direction. The writ of the Canton Government does not run in the Bias Bay and Mirs Bay districts where for a considerable time General Lo Kwan has been the uncrowned King of the territory, collecting taxes, and levying tolls on the Sha U Chung-Tai-po ferry, and over whom the Canton Government has had no control whatever. Periodically, the Canton Government has made raids along the shores of Mirs and Bias Bays to suppress Lo Kwan and eventually he ran away. But, although the Canton Government sent troops into the neighbourhood, they never used those troops to deal out justice to the pirates nor have they ever stationed any troops in order to prevent pirates getting ashore with their loot.

Peculiar Suggestion.

On the contrary, the Chinese Government takes up a peculiar attitude. On March 19th Mr. Eugene Chen told Mr. Teichmann, at Hankow, that the best means of dealing with the evil would be for the British to station a man-of-war in the neighbourhood of Bias Bay for the purpose of intercepting pirated vessels.

Obviously, it is the duty of the Chinese Government to station their own gunboats and to patrol the coast. It would be a perfectly simple matter for the Chinese Government to station a force at Fan-Lo Kong, to prevent the place being used by pirates any more.

HOME NEWS.

"Menace to Life."

London, Mar. 23. *Reuter* learns that the Government is seriously considering the question of piracy in the vicinity of Hongkong, in view of the fact that the Cantonese are unable to take effective action, despite repeated protests. The increase of piracy since the boycott has become a serious menace to life and property, and it is obvious that some steps must be taken. —*Reuter.*

Reasons for Action.

London, Mar. 23. Monday night's act of piracy, when, between Swatow and Hongkong, the steamer Hopsang was taken to Bias Bay and looted, has emphasised the urgent need for measures which have now been taken by the British to suppress the pirates in that locality. The Hopsang is the third British vessel that has been looted since November, and in January a Chinese steamer was also attacked. The procedure in most

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cases is that pirates, masquerading as passengers, hold up the vessels and force the captain to take them to Bias Bay, which is a nest of pirates, and here the cargo is unloaded. The pirates apparently have no regular personnel, but their leaders collect what men they want from Bias Bay and afterwards allow these individuals to return to work as agricultural labourers.

Repeated protests have been made to the Cantonese authorities, and recently the latter took some steps against anti-Cantonese guerrilla bands on the west side of the bay, but their co-operation against the pirates' nests on the east and north-east side has failed.

In 1925, there was a joint expedition, in which the British Navy, Army and Police co-operated with the Chinese, but since the boycott started in Canton, piracy has increased until it has become a serious menace both to life and property. —*British Wireless.*

DEFENDING MUSSOLINI.

FIVE MEN WHO SAID TOO MUCH.

Milan.—In the new Special Tribunal for the Defence of the State, the judges, at a brief sitting, swiftly concluded three trials of cases arising on days when Signor Mussolini was attacked.

Two working men had said it was a pity the Duce had escaped. Their defence was that they merely exclaimed: "He is a lucky man; even bombs won't touch him!" Sentence, 15 months each.

An Anarchist had said: "As long as Fascism lasts you will eat black bread." Sentence, three years.

Listening to a public speech on the Duce's safety, two workmen had interrupted with: "Yes, but he won't escape next time." Sentence, three months each.

Such expedition in a law court is acclaimed here as a welcome novelty.